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IN ROME

Rome, To-day.
Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna, arrived in Rome yesterday and is expected to see the Pope to explain his motives in advising Austrian Catholics to vote for the Anschluss.

Catholic circles state that the Cardinal has come on his own initiative and was not summoned by the Pope.—Reuter.

"DAY OF GREAT
GERMANY"

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

THE ENTIRE GERMAN NATION WILL CELEBRATE THE "DAY OF GREAT GERMANY" ON SATURDAY, THE EVE OF THE PLEBISCITE.

The Propaganda Minister, Dr Joseph Goebbels, has worked out an elaborate programme. At noon the order to hoist flags will be given over the radio to all Germans.

Then the entire nation will stand to attention for two minutes.

The silence will be broken only by the droning of aeroplanes and the howling of sirens in all factories and locomotives throughout Germany.

In all factories and offices, employers and employees will gather for a short ceremony. Bands will play in public squares in the afternoon and millions will parade the streets at night.—Trans-Ocean.

DANUBE ISSUES

London, To-day.

The British Government will take no initiative in calling a Danubian minority conference, declared the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday in reply to a Labour question.

Mr. Butler declared that although the Government realised the importance of the extremely complicated minority problem, it doubted whether the airing of the various questions in international conference would help the situation.—Trans-Ocean.

Japanese Army
Being Put To
Final Test

Shanghai, To-day.

With troops on both sides near exhaustion, the battle at Taierchwang has somewhat abated. Gunfire and constant action has not ceased for a moment for over two weeks. Both sides appear to-day to be consolidating their positions, according to the latest reports from the front. The decisive encounter for the town is, however, expected within the next twenty-four hours, as both the Chinese and Japanese are moving fresh reinforcements into position as rapidly as possible.

It is predicted that the resumption of the battle will be the signal for the bloodiest fighting yet experienced in China, according to well-informed foreign military experts, who believe that Japan's claim to superiority on the battle-field is to receive a severe test.

Fresh Chinese troops have been pouring into the sector with plentiful supplies of ammunition, and war implements of foreign manufacture, while Japanese mechanised units have now reached the zone.

According to Japanese reports, the Chinese are, in addition, massing a strong army across the Grand Canal, where on the neighbouring hill-sides they have located artillery batteries and machine-gun nests overlooking the Canal. — Our Own Correspondent.

"EVENING POST"
INCIDENT

Shanghai, To-day.

The United States Consul-General, Mr. Clarence Gauss, has made representations to the Japanese authorities requesting investigation regarding their alleged banning of the American-owned newspaper "Evening Post and Mercury."

Mr. Gauss previously had taken the position that the United States did not recognise the Japanese right of censorship and interference with legitimate American interests.—Reuter.

RICKETT OIL
DEAL IN MEXICO

Mexico City, To-day.

Mr. F. W. Rickett, the international financier, has come here with, it is understood, the purpose of closing an oil deal involving the major portion of Mexico's production.

The terms cannot be disclosed but are stated to involve a cash advance which might well clear up the chaotic exchange situation.

British and American interests are reported to be prospective buyers.

Mr. Rickett is now conferring with the Mexican Finance Minister.—Reuter.

GOVERNOR OF
BANK OF ENGLAND

London, To-day.

Mr. Montagu Norman, who for many years has been Governor of the Bank of England, was yesterday re-elected for another year.

The Deputy Governor was also re-elected for another year.—Trans-Ocean.

REFUGEES CROSS
INTO FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

More groups of several hundred refugees from Spain crossed the Pyrenees and arrived in French territory yesterday.

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Personal Jottings

Mr. D. E. Forbes of Messrs. Bank Line (China) Ltd., is leaving the Colony in the Empress of Asia on April 15th, on furlough. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Forbes.

A wedding of great interest to Chinese circles will take place at Shanghai on April 16, when Miss Lieu Ming Tsung will become the bride of Mr. Li Chai Hwan. Both are members of important Chinese families, the bride being the second daughter of Mr. and Mr. O. S. Lieu, and the bridegroom the great-grandson of the late Viceroy Marquis Li Hung Chang, and great nephew of Lord and Lady Li Ching Mai. The ceremony will be of a quiet nature, and will take place at the Park Hotel, after which the young couple will leave Shanghai for a short honeymoon. Both bride and groom recently returned to Shanghai from England where Miss Lieu has been studying at Queen's College, London, while Mr. Li is a graduate of Magdalen College, Oxford.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced:—

Mrs. Elvine Reynolds (widow) of 2415 Prospect Street, Berkeley, California, to Mr. George Rogers Harvey (widower), at present residing at Bay View Hotel, Manila, P. I. The bride is on her way to the Colony in the Empress of Canada, and will arrive here on April 22nd.

Miss Maria Augusta dos Remedios, residing at 7 King's Terrace, Kowloon, to Mr. Luiz Joas Guterres, of 9 Ashley Road, Kowloon.

Miss Chung Kwai Lan, of 72 Percival Street, to Mr. Au Kwong



YOUTHFUL SUMMER MODEL. Silk Crash linen fashions this youthful summer sports ensemble worn by Maureen O'Sullivan, M.G.M. actress. The outfit is a two-piece with coatee in natural linen, and narrow insertions in blue. Red wool trims the front and makes the pom-pom. The skirt is blue silk crash linen, box pleated, with natural linen inserts, and the natural coloured Leghorn straw hat is trimmed with blue velvet ribbon.

Wai, residing at 25 Leighton Hill Road.

Miss Wong Cheung Nga, whose address is 9 Yuk San Street, to Mr. Leung Kai Kuen, of 107 Leighton Hill Road, and Miss Lee Ngau Ping, of 34 Argyle Street, Kowloon, to Mr. Chan Man Leung, residing at 16 Rua do Bazarinho, Macao.

Spring Fashion Show Dolly Varden's To Hold Showing On Roof Garden

The most enticing plans are now going forward for the Spring Fashion Show in aid of charity, which is to be held on the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel by Dolly Varden's on Wednesday, April 13th, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

This fashion show ought to have a very special charm for everyone, not only because fashion shows have become one of women's favourite diversions, but because it is in aid of a very worthy cause—the Society for the Protection of Children and Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

A peep into advance arrange-

ments shows that women are in for a real sartorial treat. There will be silks as well as linens shown—play clothes, beach togs, swimming suits, daytime, afternoon and evening wear—every one with plenty of what's-it to give you what-it-takes.

Seating accommodation has been arranged for some 300 people, and tea and coffee will be served during the show.

Tickets at \$1.00 may be purchased from the Hong Kong International Women's Club and at Dolly Varden's.

Women's Auxiliary Of S.P.C. Hold Meeting

A meeting was yesterday held by the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children in the Helena May Institute, at 9.30 a.m. Mrs. Middleton-Smith, president of the society, presided.

During the meeting, the Treasurer made known the results of the last Flower Day held by the S.P.C. and it was revealed that the sum of \$2,454.00 was realised. To Miss Shin Tak Hing and Miss Choy, who had so kindly arranged for an increased number of collectors, the Committee tendered their thanks.

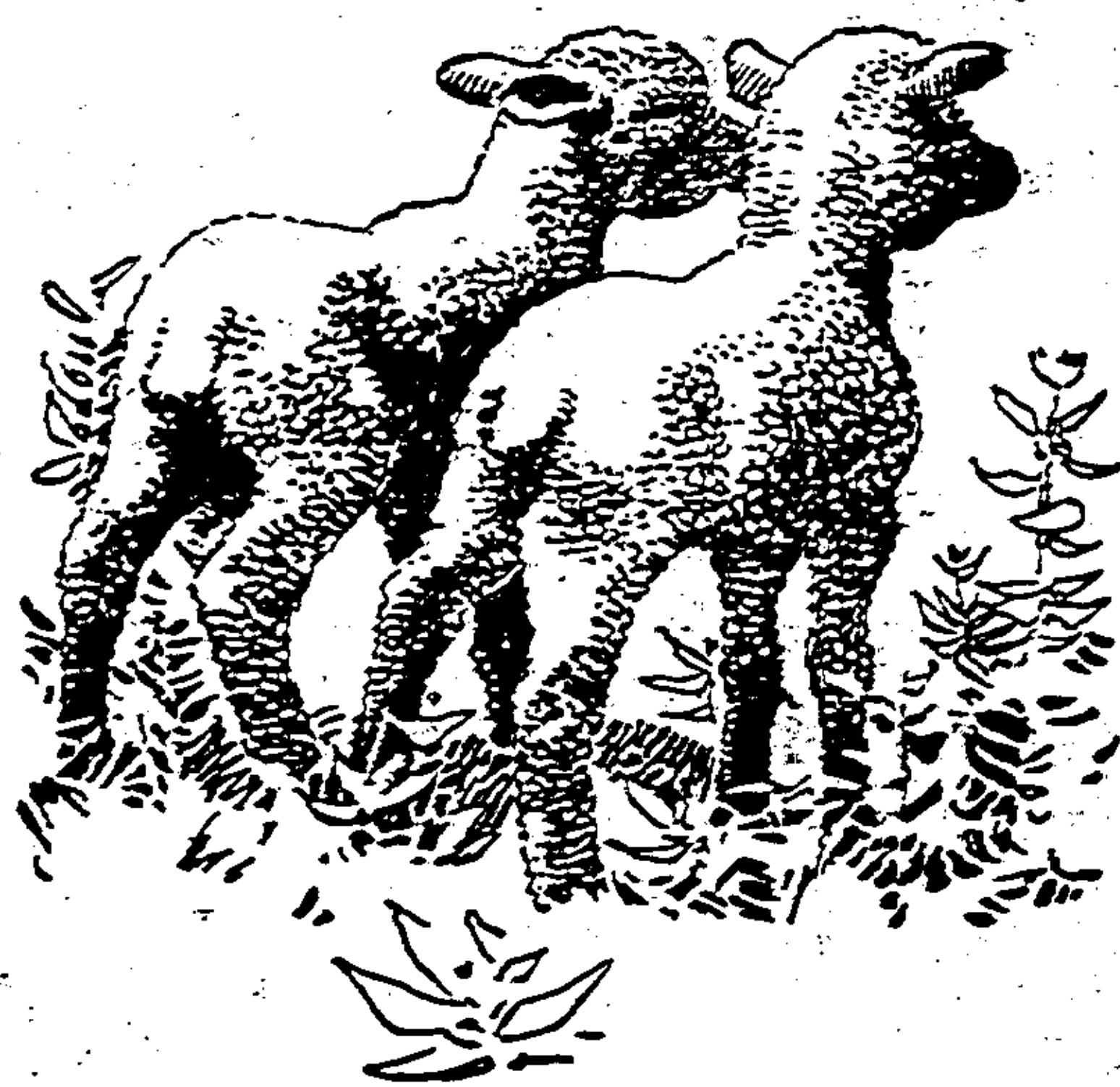
Appreciation was also expressed by them for an offer received from Dolly Varden's to place part of the proceeds of a Spring Fashion Show at their disposal. The show is to be held on the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on April 13, at 10.30 a.m., and tickets at \$1.00 may

be purchased from the Hong Kong International Women's Club or Dolly Varden's.

Before the meeting was adjourned, all final arrangements were made for the Charity Ball in aid of the S.P.C. which is to be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on Friday, April 8, and the names of the artists who will take part in the cabaret programme was read out. They include Miss Esme Haskell, Miss Azalia Reynolds, Miss Rosemary Gambier, Mr. Eric Nelson, Mr. David Spreckley and Mr. R. P. O. Gill.

The Star Ferry Company has very kindly arranged to place late ferries at the disposal of those who attend the Ball, and the Committee is grateful for their generosity.

The next meeting of the S.P.C. will take place at the Helena May Institute on May 10, at 10 a.m.



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The Truth About Glamour

Don't Leave The Main Road For Paths To False Glamour

Glamour has been in the dictionary a long time. But up until a year or so ago it didn't show much sign of life. It was in a dormant stage, as we say of volcanoes. Once in a while it spurted forth to pin a rose upon the memory of Elizabeth, the Virgin Queen. Then it went to sleep until a dream, perhaps, prompted it to laurelize Marguerite of Navarre.

On the whole, though, it was a peaceful world. It disturbed practically no one—until one day it staged a resurrection. Maybe a press agent was responsible; possibly a movie star, languidly thumbing over a copy of Roget's Thesaurus, clapped her hands at the find. At any rate, glamour came back—and liked it. Liked it so much that it has turned full many a silly young head, deluded more than one who should have known dress from gold.

For glamour is capricious, a flirt of the deepest dye, as fickle as they come. Here to-day, gone to-morrow—sometimes fled for good. Glamour likes nothing better than to stir up a rumpus, start the pursuer off on a false clue, then when the chase tires, desert without compunction.

All of which would seem to mean that glamour's best left alone—to die unhonoured and unsung. Not at all! It boils down to a matter of technique. For glamour can be captured.

THE SECRET

Here's the secret: Glamour chooses its host (to speak scientifically). It's mainly a matter of personality. That person who has within herself or himself the quality of unconsciously convincing us that he or she can perform the impossible, possesses glamour without knowing it. Whether or not he or she achieves the impossible doesn't particularly count. The illusion existed. We, the observers, were in touch with a human being who bestirred us to lift up our heads to the stars, to breathe a rarer air than ever we had known. It's an experience we do not forget.

That kind of glamour cannot be copied. It's useless to try. But the memory of it can freshen our life like a song. Glamour chooses its host. Let's go back to that. What can we do with ourselves so that glamour will choose us?

The best we can do is to try to keep ourselves so attractive that we shan't be counted out when glamour plays eeney-miney-mo. In addition, we can cut out all obvious approaches to that temperamental quality. By this time, surely, we know that we don't become glamorous through outward trappings alone—by going in hook, line and sinker for every new bit of junk jewelry on the market. Nor by adopting each latest hair style—hot out of the hairdressers—whether or not it's becoming. Nor does glamour fly to that person who is content to be "neat as a pin."

REVERSE OF SHOWY

There is this point about glamour, though—especially as it pertains to women: there never was a glamorous lady in history who was not known in her time as a "good dresser," to put it bluntly. That didn't mean that she wore spangles in her hair at breakfast; it meant simply that she was dressed appropriately at all times, and as becom-

ingly as she knew how. "Appropriately" is meaty in this connection. I wonder how many of the so-called "glamour girls" (those who imagine they are that because they trail in at theatrical openings garbed in everything but the kitchen stove) really know what appropriateness in dress, manner and conversation is?

The glamorous woman wears her makeup, clothes, accessories unostentatiously, because she's the reverse of showy. She abhors being conspicuous, but if she's in the lime-light, she takes it all right in her stride. She parades no accomplishments or possessions—not because she regards them as vanities, but merely because she keeps her head.

And because she keeps her head, she looks ahead, beyond the day at hand—gives petty irritations their true value. Were she cluttered about with this world which is too much a part of you and me, she'd be like most of us: an aspirant to glamour, not its rare possessor.

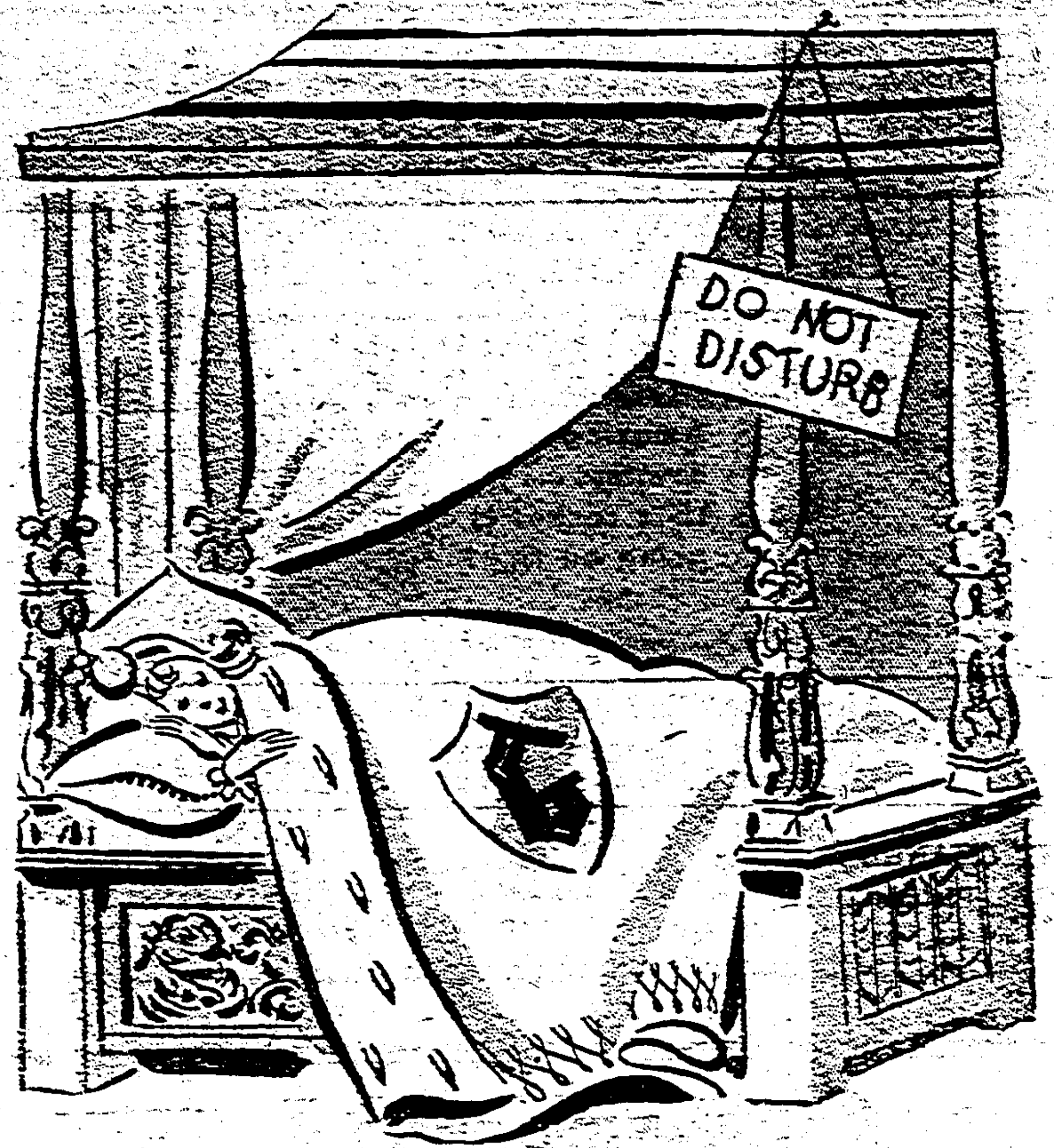
A Vegetable Course

Cauliflowers are plentiful just now. The following is a delicious way of serving this vegetable as a separate course:—

Cauliflower en Casserole

Ingredients: — 1 cauliflower; ½ lb. tomatoes; 1 oz. butter; 1 oz. flour; 2 gills milk; 1 egg yolk; half a lemon; browned crumbs; salt, pepper, and sugar.

Soak cauliflower in cold salted water. Remove most of the outer leaves and stem, and cook in boiling salted water until tender (about 20 minutes). Break cauliflower into sprigs, and arrange in a casserole or fireproof dish. Melt butter in a saucepan, and add flour. Stir well to blend into a panada, then gradually add the milk, stirring all the time. Bring to the boil, then allow to cool slightly. Stir in raw egg yolk, and the juice from the lemon. Add salt, pepper,



For many, and many a year, glamour has lain dormant.

Worth Noting

Kiddies may spill ink on the carpet. To remove stain, apply milk and salt. After a time remove the mixture with a knife. As the ink is absorbed, add more salt. Rub the stain with a cut lemon and sponge with warm milk. Dry well.

New stockings should be washed before wearing. Use luke-warm water and soap flakes and hang up to dry by the toes. You will find they will cling to the legs better if this is done.

To save time in making starch for a large family wash first make a very stiff starch. Put articles requiring the most starch—such as collars and cuffs—into this. Then dilute the mixture with warm water and starch the rest of the laundry.

and a pinch of sugar. Skin and slice tomatoes, and arrange on top of cauliflower, pouring the sauce over the whole. Cover with browned breadcrumbs, dot with butter, and reheat in oven. Do not let sauce boil while reheating.

Make steamed puddings several days before they are to be used. Store them in a cold place and, when it is time to serve them, reheat them for 30 minutes in a covered mold or double boiler.

Always grasp the plug—not the cord—in removing electric cords from outlets or utensils. And hang up the cords as straight as possible, since curves or bends will affect the wiring.

Roll a boiled suet pudding over in the water before removing it from the saucepan. You will find it will not stick to the cloth.

Very good sandwiches can be these through a mincer, add sugar made from figs and raisins. Put and lemon juice. Put between slices of brown bread and butter, or ink stains from polished furniture. A teaspoonful of vinegar to a pint spread on biscuits.

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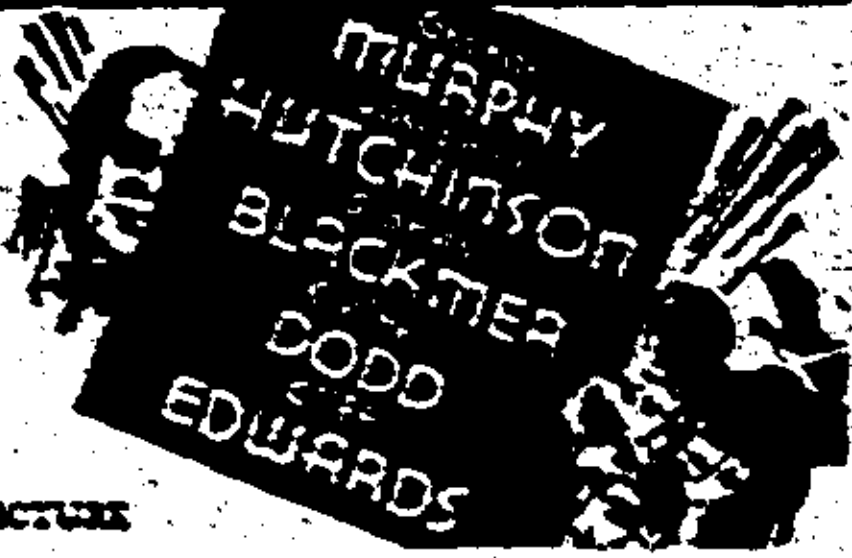
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**STAMPING OUT
CATTLE PLAGUE
IN ENGLAND**

London, To-day.

A standstill order for British cattle and other animals extending over almost the whole country, except the extreme North and West, represents part of a great effort to stamp out plague finally.

Though this method of fighting the disease is very costly it is thought scientifically and practically to be the most effective way of fighting the plague.

The new standstill is the biggest which the Agriculture Ministry has ever ordered, and affects nearly 25,000,000 cattle, sheep and pigs, press reports estimate.

The new State Veterinary Service has come into operation to help in the efforts.—British Wireless

**SWITZERLAND AND
ABYSSINIA**

Berne, To-day.

The Italian Government will give special consideration to requests from Swiss citizens to settle in Abyssinia, said the Swiss political department yesterday.

Switzerland will also be given special preferences in supplying equipment and provisions to Abyssinia if these cannot be obtained in Italy.

The Swiss road construction company which formerly had received large concessions from Emperor Haile Selassie, has been told that Italy "will do all possible to uphold the concessions."—Trans-Ocean

Mrs. Seth of "Deepene," Deep Water Bay, has reported that someone attempted to enter her house last night but was disturbed.

**LABOUR NOT
OPPOSING
COAL BILL**

London, To-day.

The Coal Bill, which is one of the Government's main legislative measures of the session, was moved for the third reading in the Commons yesterday by the Secretary for Mines, Captain Cruikshank, before going to the House of Lords later in the week.

The measure deals comprehensively with the interests of the present owners of coal, colliery owners, workers and the community at large.

Captain Cruikshank said this was the 15th day of the bill and no motion was down for its rejection. He took it that even if the Bill had not got the good will of all the House it at any rate had their benevolent neutrality. While the Bill was before Parliament, the registration of properties was proceeding.

Up to the present 17,105 applications had been received.

LABOUR'S VIEW

The Labour member, Mr. Shinwell, said the Opposition would not vote against the third reading of the bill. They accepted anything conducive to the interests of the mine workers and for that reason they accepted the Bill with all its defects and practical difficulties in the hope that the Government and Commission and coal owners would try and make the best of it in the interests of the workers and the nation as a whole.—British Wireless.

**SOVIET OFFICIAL
DISMISSED**

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet Commissar for Traffic, M. Bakulin, who was only recently appointed, has been relieved of his duties, says an official communique.

The post thus vacated will be occupied by the former Traffic Commissar and later Commissar for Heavy Industries, M. Kaganowitch, who will hold both offices simultaneously.—Trans-Ocean.

**CHARGED WITH
ILL-TREATMENT**

Wong Yee-mui, was this morning charged before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy with ill-treating her nephew, aged 7, at No. 2 Shek Kui Lane.

Inspector Fraser said that as the result of a complaint, he saw the child, an orphan, who had been with her for the past four years. It bore marks of a caning all over the body and the cheeks and head had been burned by matches and charcoal.

The defendant was remanded for 24 hours on bail of \$2,500 for a medical officer's certificate.

Mr. Simpson, captain of the Ho Sang, has reported that while at buoy A3, three unknown Chinese came alongside and by some means boarded the boat, and stole 75 fathoms of rope valued at \$300.

Ngan Lee, aged 6, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday and died soon after admission. The girl had fallen into a pond at the junction of Tai-po and Boundary Street.

**TORTOSA FALL
REPORTS
PREMATURE**

Saragossa, To-day.

Insurgent operations yesterday were confined to the province of Tarragona, where the troops are making a final spurt to achieve the major objective of cutting off Catalonia from the rest of Spain.

General Valino's troops were within firing distance of the coastal town of Tortosa at noon, but have not yet entered the town, and previous reports of its capture are premature.

Insurgent planes are having a field day, and are raking the Government troops with their machine-guns without any reply.—Trans-Ocean.

**HEALTH OF
SCHUSCHNIGG**

Vienna, To-day.

The daily enquiries made by Trans-Ocean regarding ex-Chancellor Schuschnigg yesterday, elicited the reply that there is no change in his health.

There are no military or police guards in uniform round his flat, it was stated.

Dr. Schuschnigg, it is stated, is allowed to receive letters and listens in at the radio.

Dr. Schuschnigg's son at present in Kalksburg, will probably spend the Easter holidays in Vienna with his father.—Trans-Ocean.

**WHOLESALE
FORGERIES
ALLEGED**

Li Koon, unemployed, was this morning charged with possession of forged banknotes at Gloucester Road, yesterday.

When arrested he had in his possession, four \$500 banknotes of the Hong Kong Bank, three \$50 notes and one \$100 of the same bank and three \$50 banknotes of the Chartered Bank.

At his residence, at No. 29, Peel Street, several forged banknotes of the Central Bank and the Canton Municipal Banks were found.

**SMALLPOX
UNDIMINISHED**

There were 112 deaths and a total of 162 notified cases of smallpox in Hong Kong in the week ending April 2.

Eighty-six deaths occurred in Victoria, 67 in Kowloon, four in the Harbour, two in Shauiwan, two in Aberdeen and one in the New Territories.

Deaths from tuberculosis during the week totalled 108.

The daily smallpox incidence showed an increase in the last 24 hours, when 31 cases were reported. Twenty-one were in Victoria, and ten in Kowloon.

Mr. A. Dunnett of No. 3, Minden Avenue, has reported that someone entered the above address and stole money, a fountain pen and a jacket valued at \$54.

Five Year Time Schedule For Arms To Be Reduced

London, To-day.

The Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, speaking in London, said he was receiving large numbers of letters from people of all classes offering whatever service they could render to their country. Sir Thomas said this was a remarkable manifestation of public spirit which he hoped the country could rise.

Referring to his talks with the representatives of employers and labour, he said: "I am a sufficient optimist to believe that good will and co-operation will triumph over all difficulties and that we shall find the supplies of labour adequate for the programme which the Government have in mind."

DEMANDS ON INDUSTRY

Referring to the White Paper on the demands likely to be made on industry, Sir Thomas Inskip said: "The intention at the time was not to interfere more than necessary with civil industry, but the events of the last few weeks have made it necessary — I hope only for a time — that the Government's programme should have priority. Further than that, the Government have decided that, as far as possible, the programme that was to be completed within the 5 years originally marked out should be completed within a less space of time."

Within the last few days, he had examined the figures of labour available in the engineering industry and the result showed a surplus of 10,000 skilled and semi-skilled men.

SUBTLE WARNING

Concluding, the Minister said he was sure that the people of Britain had made up their minds that democracy should not be found wanting and it would be much more impressive to the world at large if the programme could be completed, as he expected, without resorting to compulsion, than if an Act of Parliament were passed dragooning the people in the way they should go. — British Wireless.

RALLY CALL TO REPUBLICANS IN SPAIN

Madrid, To-day.

Strenuous efforts are being made to create a strong barrier against the insurgent offensive and to turn the tide of the civil war.

The Socialist Trade Unions, numbering 2,000,000 members, have agreed to urge their associates belonging to the 1924 to 1928 Classes, which have not yet been called to arms by the Government, to join the Army.

Trade Unions are enjoining their members to increase production in war factories, and are taking steps to replace men workers by women.

The United Socialist Youth is campaigning for recruitment of 100,000 volunteers.

NEW OFFENSIVE

The new Republican offensive in Andalusia, says a communiqué, has been successful and the Government offensive is proceeding in the direction of Huelva and Calatrava. Fighting is intense and much war material has been captured. — Reuters.

NEW LUXURY LINER IN HONG KONG

M. V. Boissevain, the first of three new luxury liners to be placed on the Hong Kong run by the Dutch K. P. M. Line, whose local agents are the Java China Japan Line, is now in harbour on its maiden voyage.

The liner represents the last word in luxurious comfort and its interior in no way belied the impression given by her sleek white lines when viewed at the Kowloon Wharf this morning.

It has been specially designed for travel in tropical seas and on first boarding the vessel, one is instantly struck with the spaciousness and airiness which marks the entire lay-out.

The public rooms are lavishly fitted up a special feature being the murals in the first-class lounge in which map contours of the various countries at which calls are made, are beautifully outlined.

State-rooms are furnished in a quiet, simple manner and there is no suggestion of the overcrowding which marks many liners which make Hong Kong a port of call.

There is ample deck space, part being enclosed and other sections fitted with comfortable lounge chairs for sun-bathing. The open-air bathing pool is situated in the midst of a tea lounge with showers and bar conveniently situated.

Altogether a beautiful vessel and one that is sure to commend itself to Hong Kong residents who wish to visit unusual ports of call on their way home on leave.

"FAR EASTERN MIRROR"

The new issue of the "Far Eastern Mirror" just published, reflects developments in Sino-Japanese hostilities in a number of interesting articles, including an eloquent appeal by Madame Chiang Kai-shek for wholehearted national support of the spirit of resistance.

Other noteworthy contributions include a study of the present-day political situation in Japan by Guenther Stein, an article on the part Yunnan is playing in the task of meeting Japanese aggression, a pen-picture of conditions in Japanese-controlled Shanghai by Robin Hyde, and an account of guerrilla activities by Agnes Smalley.

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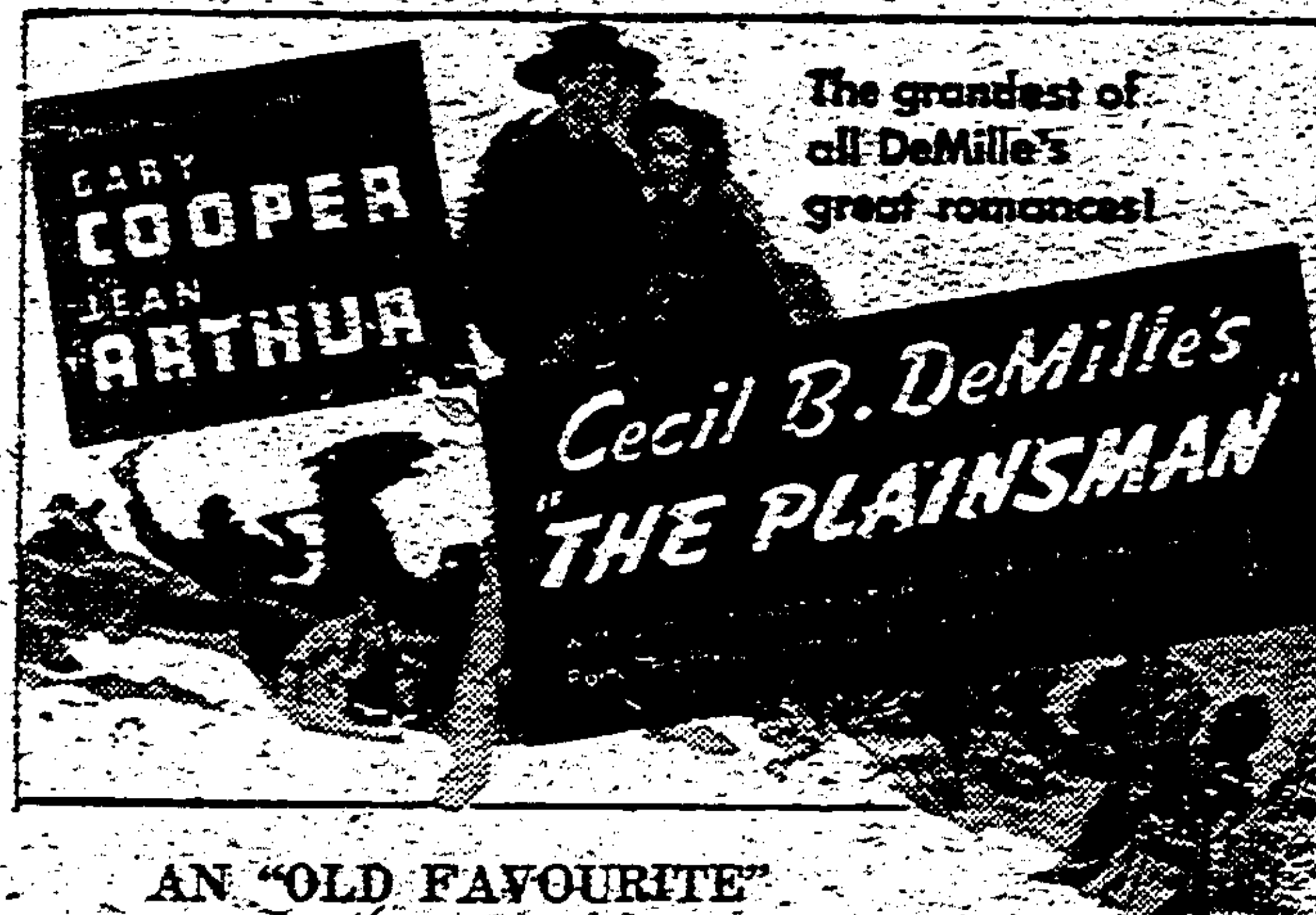
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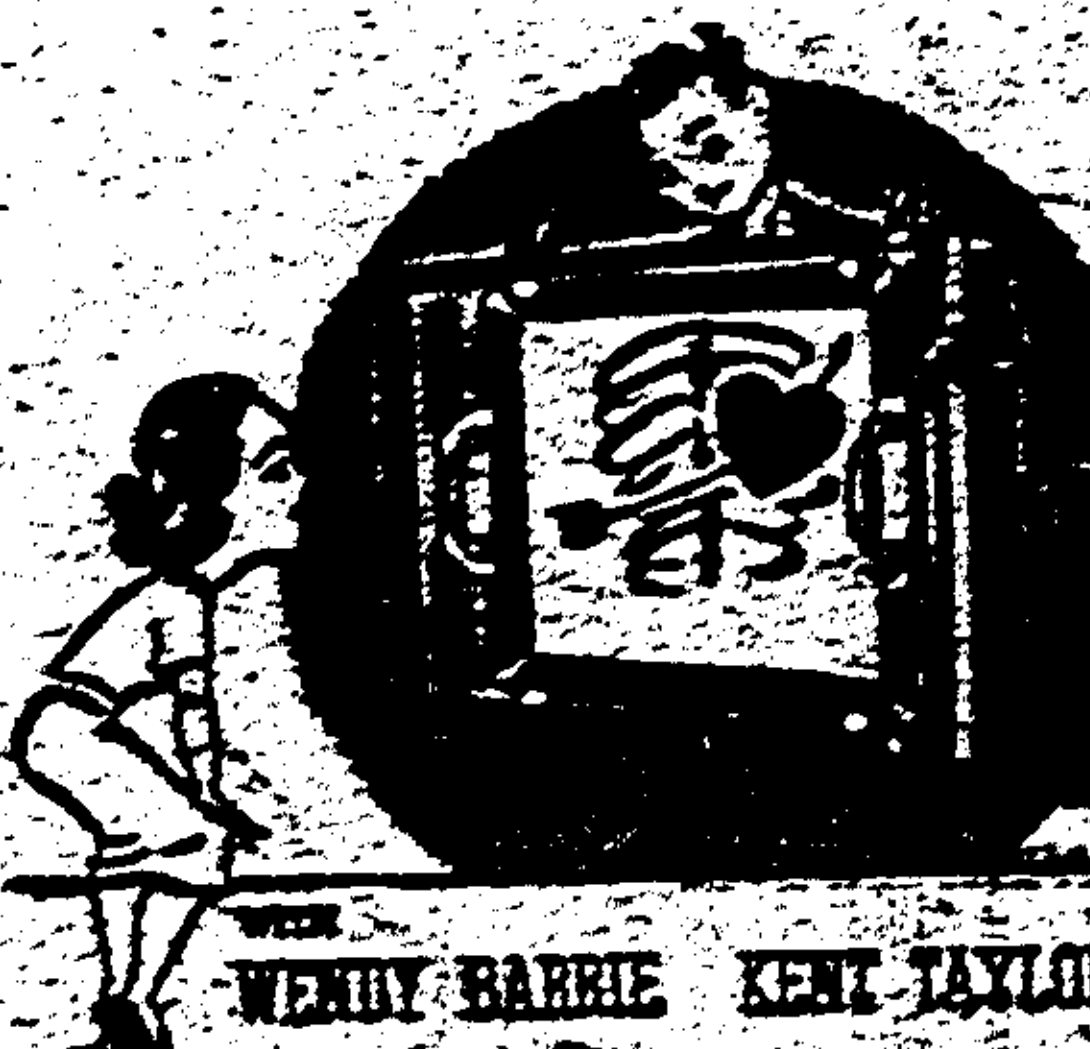
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STORMY SESSION IN FRENCH CHAMBER ON THE BLUM FINANCE MEASURES

Paris, To-day.

"A great nation cannot live like a shopkeeper tossing and turning in bed at night and wondering how to meet his bills," said the Premier, M. Leon Blum, in a two-hour speech in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday in the course of a stormy debate on the Finance Bill.

By the Bill, M. Blum plans to raise an additional \$61,000,000 a year for rearmament. M. Blum added that \$500,000,000 of frightened money was either hidden at home or had been sent abroad.

"We cannot borrow abroad and cannot renew our foreign loans. We wish to avoid war. We must live, we must pay, we must endure. Normal sources are insufficient, so we must borrow and also take other measures to gather money."

It was expected last night that a division on the Bill would not be reached till 3 o'clock this morning.—Reuter.

FATE OF GOVERNMENT

Paris, To-day.

The fate of the Popular Front Government depends on M. Blum's Finance Bill.

In the Bill no figures are mentioned in connection with revaluation of gold holdings of the Bank of France, but the plan for expenditure is clearly defined.

It involves four milliard francs in respect of obligations arising out of the ordinary budget deficit, 15.9 milliards in national defence, 3.3 milliards on public works, 2.5 milliards for pensions, 1 milliard on the Post Office, 8.7 milliards to cover the railways deficit and 1.8 milliards for sundry purposes, making a total expenditure of 36 milliard francs.—Trans-Ocean.

"ORGANISED STEALING"

Paris, To-day.

Yesterday's debate in the Chamber on the Finance Bill was one of the stormiest seen for many a day, and the president of the Chamber M. Herriot, was obliged to intervene several times to prevent deputies from coming to blows. At one stage he temporarily adjourned the session.

During the speech of the Finance Rapporteur, violent altercations occurred between Left and Right.

When he began to speak of the capital levy, the Rapporteur was interrupted by Rightists who shouted: "That is organised stealing."

M. Herriot suspended the session for ten minutes.—Trans-Ocean.

CHAMBER ADJOURNS

Paris, To-day.

After M. Blum had again addressed the Chamber last night urging acceptance of the Finance Bill, the Chamber adjourned at 9.30 to give the various parliamentary groups another opportunity to consider the attitude to be adopted.—Trans-Ocean.

DEBATE UNFINISHED

Paris, To-day.

The debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the Finance Bill was adjourned at midnight and will be resumed to-day.—Reuter.

GLOOMY PICTURE OF WAR PERIL

Paris, To-day.

When the Chamber session was resumed, M. Blum painted a gloomy picture of the threat of war, and declared that he wished to speak openly.

M. Blum said the deficit would continue to grow and would reach about 50,000,000,000 francs during the present year.

The Treasury needed one milliard francs more each week than it receives.

About 80,000,000,000 francs had been lost to French industry owing to the flight of capital.

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

The internal financial situation in France was dependent to a great extent on the international situation, and the international crisis had obliged France to deprive business of many milliards of francs in order to carry on the armament programme.

No further loans could be placed on the market.

Speaking briefly on the international situation, M. Blum said that France would do everything in her power to preserve peace in Europe and the Government was united in its desire for peace.

FRANCE'S POSITION

No one need fear attack from France, but France cannot observe international developments without a certain amount of apprehension and she must therefore be prepared for the unavoidable should it occur.

The gold reserve of the Bank of France should under no circumstances be further reduced, and in case of conflict of any kind, France must take steps to protect State property.

M. Blum concluded by urging the Chamber to have confidence in the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has extended eastward to Japan and the Loochoos, and is now of slight intensity.

Local forecast:—E. winds, moderate, fine generally.

A. B. Hall, of H. M. S. Thracian, has reported the loss of a guitar valued at \$20 between St. Francis Hotel and Wanchai. He either left it in a rickshaw or a motor car.

PROGRESS IN ANGLO-ITALIAN CONVERSATIONS REVIEWED

Semi-Official Confirmation Of Predictions

Re-Affirmation Of Gentlemen's Agreement

Rome, To-day.

Progress in the Anglo-Italian conversations was to have been reviewed when the Earl of Perth (the British Ambassador) met Count Ciano (Italian Foreign Minister) at 6 o'clock last evening.

Rigid silence is being maintained by Italian officials but it is certain that the agreement will re-affirm the gentleman's agreement of January, 1937, by which both sides undertook to respect the status quo in the Mediterranean.

Both will also re-affirm the other's rights in the Mediterranean, while Italy will disclaim any designs against the integrity of Spain, the Balearics and the Spanish Colonies.

The right of passage for all countries through the Mediterranean will be affirmed, as well as the rights of ships of all nations to use the Suez Canal in time of peace and war.

There is also a general belief that agreement will be reached for creation of machinery for delimitation of the boundaries between Abyssinia the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Kenya, Britain undertaking to prevent gun-running across the frontiers, while Italy will undertake not to impede the flow of the Nile waters from Lake Tsana.

SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

Spheres of influence in the Red Sea and Arabia will be defined, both sides will abstain from propaganda and the interests of Italy will be respected in any future settlement in Palestine.

An attempt will be made to restrict future fortifications in the Mediterranean zone, and some of the Italian white troops in Libya will be withdrawn.

Signature of the agreement is expected at Easter, after which it is expected that Britain will approach the League to secure recognition of Italy's conquest of Abyssinia. — Reuter.

AN HOUR'S TALK

Rome, To-day.

Yesterday's meeting between Lord Perth and Count Ciano lasted over an hour. — Trans-Ocean.

RUMANIA TO BE RE-DIVIDED

Bucharest, To-day.

Suppression of Rumania's historic frontier will, it is anticipated in political circles here, be announced when details of the new administrative reform law are made known at the end of this week.

The reform law, it is stated, will entail the division of the country into entirely new administrative districts. — Trans-Ocean.

AUSTRIA'S TRADE AGREEMENTS

Vienna, To-day.

"The concern felt in foreign countries about the possibility of disturbance in business relations with Austria following the Anschluss is unfounded," declared the German Economics Minister, Dr. Walter Funk, at a press reception at the Hotel Imperial yesterday.

The statement was later repeated by the Austrian Economics Minister, Dr. Hans Fishboeck, who declared that no cancellation of present economic agreements was envisaged. — Trans-Ocean.

ADMIRAL HORTHY SPEECH

Berlin, To-day.

The speech of the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, is welcomed by the semi-official "Diplomatic and Political Correspondence" which praises the Regent's "deep understanding of the historical and essential reasons which make the Austro-German reunion entirely natural and not unexpected." — Trans-Ocean.

RUSHDI ARAS'S CAIRO VISIT

Cairo, To-day.

An extensive programme of festivities and receptions has been arranged for the state visit of Dr. Rushdi Aras, the Turkish Foreign Minister, who is arriving in Cairo on April 9.

On April 10, Dr. Aras will be the guest of the King, and on April 11 the Turkish-Egyptian Treaty of Amity will be renewed. — Trans-Ocean.

KING TO UNVEIL WAR MEMORIAL

London, To-day.

On July 1, the last day of his official visit to France, the King will unveil the War Memorial to Australian troops who died in the Great War, at Villars-Bretonneux.

Queen Elizabeth will also be present. — Reuter.

BRITISH PLANE EXPORTS

London, To-day.

It was revealed by the President of the Board of Trade in reply to a Parliamentary question that during last year 507 aeroplanes of United Kingdom manufacture were exported to the value of £1,913,099.

Of the total, 235 went to British countries, including 73 to Australia, 60 to the Union of South Africa, 32 to New Zealand, 19 to British India and Burma and 14 to Canada.

Over 27 foreign countries received British aeroplanes during 1937, including 31 to France, 27 to Egypt, 27 to Iraq, 25 to Belgium. — British Wireless.

M. NAGGIAR ARRIVES

M. Naggiar, the French Ambassador to China, arrived in the Colony shortly after eight o'clock this morning from Shanghai in the warship, Savorgnan de Brazza. Salutes were exchanged.

M. Naggiar's visit is unofficial in

SCANDINAVIAN MINISTERS CONFERRING

Oslo, To-day.

The Danish Foreign Minister, the Swedish Foreign Minister and the Finnish Foreign Minister, arrived here yesterday.

It is announced that the three Foreign Ministers will discuss with their Norwegian colleague the problem of economic co-operation of the four northern States in the event of war.

Efforts have been made for some time past to ensure such co-operation but no definite results have yet been obtained. — Trans-Ocean.

LEON DEGRELLE IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The leader of the Belgian Rexist Party, M. Leon Degrelle, who is now visiting here, emphatically denied that he received money from Germany for founding the Belgium anti-communist paper when interviewed by a representative of the Daily Telegraph yesterday.

Degrelle declared that the assertion to this effect was "an absolute lie." The Rexist deputy, M. Gustave Wyns, corroborated Degrelle's declaration and emphasised that the Rexist party or movement never received any financial help from abroad. — Trans-Ocean.

character, and it is understood that he will be staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel for a few days before proceeding to Hankow.

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MR. SUN FO DISCUSSES AID FOR CHINA WITH TORY M.P.S.

Need For Munitions And Credits For Purchase

ARMY ASSURES PRINCE KONOYE OF SUPPORT

Tokyo, To-day.

Rumours circulating here concerning the intention of the Prime Minister, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, to resign are discussed in the "Chugai Chogyo Shimpō," which states that the Japanese Army is firmly resolved to give its unreserved support to the Konoye Cabinet.

This decision of the military authorities has, according to the paper, been communicated to the Government by Colonel Shibayama, who is one of the heads of departments in the War Office.

The communication sets forth that the Army considers the Konoye Cabinet enjoys the full confidence of the whole nation and

— BOAT RACE — CREWS FOR FRANCE

London, To-day.

The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race crews are leaving for France on Sunday to compete with French crews.

They will be using sea-going boats instead of the type used in the annual Boat Race.

Eight French crews are competing between now and Sunday for the honour to meet the British Universities' Eights.—Reuter.

that Prince Konoye having carried several important measures through the Diet has assumed responsibility for national mobilisation, including reform of the administration and the parliamentary system and the preparation of an economic bloc which will comprise Japan, Manchukuo and North China.

Hence, in the view of the Army, the Konoye Cabinet must under existing circumstances remain in office.—Trans-Ocean.

China Fulfilling Conditions For Victory

London, To-day.

Mr. Sun Fo, China's special envoy to Europe, addressed about fifty Members of the House of Commons, most of them Conservatives, at a meeting yesterday on the military and political aspects of the present situation in China.

He claimed that China was more united than ever before, gave interesting details about guerilla warfare carried on behind the Japanese lines and expressed the opinion that China would surprise the world by her resistance and Japan might yet have to come to terms with China.

Mr. Sun Fo said that Chinese resistance was growing stronger and her fighting powers were improving.

Two essential conditions for victory—unity and determina-

tion—were being fulfilled in China to-day.

Every party and sect was solidly behind the Government and all were ready to lay down their lives, whether soldier, statesman, intellectual or student.

But, he emphasised, munitions were necessary. Supplies had been received but must be forthcoming continuously.

MUST HELP

Britain, America and other powers must help, for China's struggle is for world peace and justice and for the interests of other powers.

Japan expected to win the war within three months, using 400,000 men. She had used 800,000 and the war had gone on nine months, with Japan no nearer to victory.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

The Chinese soldier had nothing to lose but his poor, miserable life, whereas the Japanese was fighting for something he could not understand. He did not want to fight but wanted to get back home as quickly as possible.

China would never sue for peace as long as a Japanese soldier was on Chinese ground.

China also desired Britain to grant her credits to enable her to buy from Britain.—Reuter.

BRITISH BAR TO ENTRY OF VON DER GOLTZ

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary to the Home Office, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, replying in the Commons to a question, referred to the refusal to allow Count von Der Goltz to land in Britain at Dover on March 12th.

Mr. Lloyd stated that the refusal was because it appeared that the purpose of von Der Goltz's visit was concerned with an industrial firm which was under investigation in connection with the activity of another alien.

Mr. Lloyd was unable to make a further statement until the enquiries were completed.—British Wireless.

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RECORD EARNINGS OF HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY

THAT RECORD EARNINGS OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD., WERE NOT THE RESULT OF "PROFITEERING" DURING THE INFUX OF REFUGEES TO THE COLONY, WAS EMPHASISED BY THE HON. MR. M. K. LO, PRESIDING AT THE ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMPANY HELD AT EXCHANGE BUILDING THIS MORNING, WHEN A DIVIDEND OF FORTY CENTS PER SHARE WAS APPROVED.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SOME THREE DECADES HAD THE COMPANY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BANK NOT BEEN SHOWN ON THE CONTRA SIDE OF THE BALANCE-SHEET.

The Chairman said:—I am happy to report that the improved earnings for the first quarter of the year 1937, referred to by my colleague in the course of his Speech from the Chair at the last Annual Meeting of the Company continued throughout the year to a record degree in so far as the activities of your Undertaking in Hong Kong are concerned. But I should like to emphasise that the Company never took undue advantage of the situation by adopting "profiteering" methods and that the increased earnings were due to increased turnover, and not to excessive charges.

The Tourist patronage which we had anticipated fully materialised during the first seven months of 1937, and the exceptional augmentation to the population of the Colony during the last five months of the accounting period under review had the effect of taxing to the utmost the accommodation facilities at our Hotels here. The increase in the local population was also a contributory cause for the additional revenue of our various local Restaurants and Cafes.

SHANGHAI EVENTS

Unfortunately, the Company's operations in Shanghai during the year cannot be reviewed with equal satisfaction. The outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict in August last necessitated evacuation of the Astor House Hotel, resulting in the complete cessation of earnings for the remainder of the year. Since the commencement of hostilities the Hotel has been in occupation by the Japanese Y. M. C. A. and I am glad to report that the structure and contents have suffered no material damage.

The catastrophic bomb dropping incident in Nanking Road which occurred on the 14th August, 1937, involved, as you are aware, the Palace Hotel, a high explosive projectile making a direct hit on the building. The consequential damage to property, though extensive, is nothing as compared with the considerable loss of life to Chinese Staff entailed, which the Board, and, as I feel sure, you all, so keenly deplore.

Certain reparation work was carried out sufficient to enable business at the Palace Hotel to be resumed on the 13th September last. Naturally business at first was on a small scale, but patronage in all departments steadily increased, and, in order to satisfy a clearly discerned demand, work has been put in hand which, on completion, will have entirely re-instated the premises and brought all areas to full revenue producing capacity.

COMPENSATION CLAIM

The computation of the Company's claim in respect of damage sustained through the hostilities in Shanghai—which incidentally cannot yet be finally assessed—and the lodgment thereof with the proper authority, are in the hands of our Shanghai Agents.

I have thus dealt somewhat fully with our Shanghai Establishments because my colleagues and I realise your natural concern in regard thereto. In the existing atmosphere of conflict and political uncertainty, prophecy must obviously be futile. I shall therefore make no attempt to prophesy. As you know, for reasons which have been referred to by Chairmen at successive Annual Meetings, the Shanghai Establishments have for some years past shown losses. But I am happy to be able to say this. The present indications afford ample grounds for the Board to entertain the hope that, as regards the Astor, arrangements already in hand may be concluded whereby no losses will be suffered by the Company during the coming year and that, as regards the Palace, its business for 1938 will result in a profit.

PEIPING PROFIT

The Hotel operated by our subsidiary Company in Peiping—the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits—showed excellent results for its last financial year ended on the 30th June, 1937, enabling a dividend to be declared, in respect of which your Company, as you will note from the Accounts be-

fore you, received on its holdings \$18,043.37. The turn of the subsidiary Company's financial year, however, coincided with the commencement of hostilities in the area wherein the Hotel is located, and in consequence from July onwards its business received a serious setback. I am, however, pleased to state that current revenue returns from that Hotel indicate a satisfactory revival and a working profit.

INCREASED PROFIT

For the various reasons which I have already indicated, the Profit and Loss Account before you includes to its credit a "Balance of Working Account," \$388,232.76, which represents a larger contribution to the Profit and Loss Account from that source than has been the case for many years. Due mainly to this augmentation we are able to report an increased net profit of \$640,187.06 for the financial year 1937, comparing favourably with \$220,064.39, the net result of the previous year's operations.

Other items in the Profit and Loss Account make fairly equivalent comparisons with the figures reported last year, with the exception of Rents of Shops and Offices. Earnings from this source are lower than last year's amount by some \$23,000—entirely due to rental receipts for shop premises in the Astor House Hotel building having been lost since the property was evacuated.

The Balance Sheet contains no items of an exceptional nature, and is, indeed, self-explanatory. I would, however, refer to items of additions to certain of the listed Assets. Additions to Buildings \$3,178.25. This sum denotes the capitalised portion of expenditure incurred in converting the West Wing Ground Floor Verandah at the Peninsula Hotel into shop premises, thus making the area more productive, and yielding increased revenue from the 1st of January last.

INCREASED BUSINESS

The items "Sundry Debtors" and "Sundry Creditors" as included in the Balance Sheet stand at higher figures than customary, but this enhancement merely reflects increased business, for the included balances are current and as brought forward do not embody any long dated or dishonoured obligations.

The Repairs and Renewals Account has suffered depletion during the year by \$34,925.27. This sum has in the main been expended upon various alterations and reconstruction work in furtherance of modernisation measures, and the expenditure was spread over various departments in all the Hotels. The importance of "keeping up with the times" in relation to your Company's particular type of business has been previously stressed from the

NANKING PUPPETS REVOLUTION IN PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

Three members of the Nanking "reformed government" who arrived here secretly in Japanese planes from Shanghai yesterday, are discussing with Wang Keh-min and other leaders of the "provisional government" a formula for eventual merging of the present Peiping and Nanking "governments."

The Nanking "government's" delegates include Liang Hung-chih, leader of the Nanking body.—Reuter.

Chair. In emphasising the necessity of continuing this class of expenditure and making adequate provision for it wherever possible, I can say that in our experience similar outlay in the past has without exception borne fruit. I feel sure, therefore, that you will approve the recommendation of your Directors that out of the Balance of Profit and Loss Account set before you to-day for allocation, an amount be voted to the credit of this Repairs and Renewals Account.

CASH AT BANK

You will observe amongst Assets this year an item "Cash at Bank." It may be interesting to note that this is the first occasion during the last three decades on which the Company's relationship with the Bank has not been recorded on the contra side of the Balance Sheet.

I have already referred to the abnormal conditions under which the satisfactory results now presented to you were alone possible. I should like to pay a sincere tribute to the Company's staff, both in Hong Kong and Shanghai, our Shanghai Agents, and the staff of our subsidiary Company in Peiping, for their loyalty and devotion to the interests of the Company during a period of unparalleled difficulty and anxiety, and, in the case of Peiping and Shanghai, of grave personal danger. In these critical times the weight of the tremendous responsibility and anxiety fell, of course, on the broad shoulders of your Managing Director, Mr. J. H. Taggart, who discharged his onerous duties with that quiet courage, incomparable experience and marked ability, which are so characteristic of him. I venture to think he deserves well of the Shareholders.

Mr. Li Tze-fong seconded and the report and accounts were passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo was re-elected to the Board of Directors on the motion of Mr. V. C. Labrum, seconded by Mr. C. A. L. Rickett, while Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. H. Gittins.

The following attended:—The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo (Chairman), Mr. J. H. Taggart, (Managing Director), Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Mr. E. M. Raymond (Directors), Mr. P. H. Sackling (General Manager), Mr. F. Barry (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. V. C. Labrum, E. Owen Murphy, C. A. L. Rickett, M. H. Lo, T. B. Parsons, H. Gittins, S. H. Ross, Lo Chung-wan, A. M. d'Eca, J. P. Sherry and Li Tze-fong.

IN SPEED CAR DESIGN

London, To-day.

A sensation is being caused by the revolutionary design of a new high-speed car in which John Cobb, the famous British racing motorist, will attempt to break Captain Eyston's world land speed record of 312 miles per hour at Utah in the United States in August.

The car has two super-charged engines, developing together about 3,000 horse-power. The drive of the engine is to all four wheels!

A streamlined body encloses the entire car. A speed of 350 miles per hour is hoped for.—British Wireless.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TRADE PACT

London, To-day.

Anglo-American trade negotiations have been proceeding in Washington continuously since the end of February and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, in the Commons yesterday, said he believed that the public hearings which began on March 14th were now concluded. He was unable to say when the negotiations were likely to end.—British Wireless.

SULTAN VISITS HOME FLEET

London, To-day.

The Sultan of Muscat and Oman, now visiting Britain as the guest of His Majesty's Government went to Portsmouth yesterday to see the Home Fleet. The inspection included trips in a submarine and one of the fastest naval motor torpedo boats.—British Wireless.

ANSCHLUSS ORDER

Vienna, To-day.

Further effects of the anschluss were announced yesterday when it was stated that the German Railways had placed orders for 45,000,000 schillings worth of rolling stock in Vienna and Graz.—Trans-Ocean.

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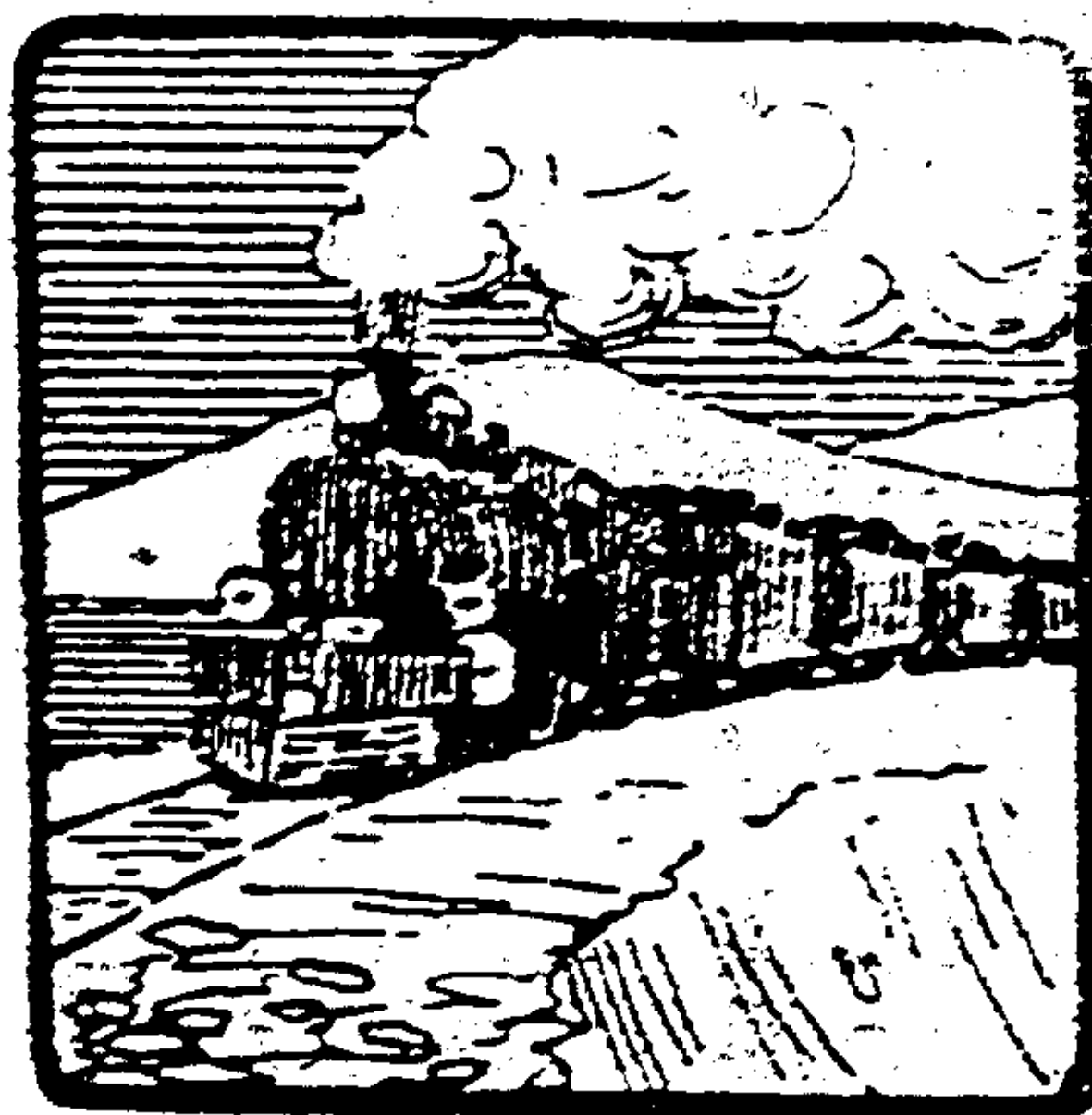
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AMERICA'S "RECESSION"

One of the most disturbing factors in the present international situation, to those who believe that it is still possible to adjust the stresses and strains without recourse to world war, is the continued failure of the United States to make any definite move towards business recovery. In the last two weeks, the New York Stock Exchange has slumped to its lowest ebb for several years and there is no assurance that the bottom has been reached. The latest business index discloses that the volume of business is approximately 22 per cent. lower than it was a year ago. Employment continues to fall, causing greater anxiety, and even promises of extensive rearmament have failed to stimulate any sign of rallying power. It must be admitted that between July and October last year, Britain showed signs of following the trail marked out by the United States many months before, but doubts regarding British recovery have now vanished, and most authorities agree that, apart from international complications, conditions are favourable to profitable industry. Such being the position in Great Britain, if only the United States would recover the ground lost last year there should be a substantial recovery in commodity prices, and so the world would move nearer to a further period of prosperity. What is the hindrance? Professor D. B. Copland who has been engaged on a study of American conditions, explains that it is primarily a refusal on the part of the American people to make investments, a refusal to put money into the production of capital goods for the purpose of increasing the production of

goods for everyday consumption. But a further question remains, and that the vital one. Why is there this refusal to replace worn-out and obsolescent machinery and plant or to make extensions of factories and plant?

If for any reason investment in new capital goods or in the replacement of old capital goods ceases, then a portion of the population loses employment, and not only those engaged on the production of capital goods. The purchasing power of that section of the people is greatly diminished, and consequently the demand for goods in everyday use declines, and some of the men and women engaged in rendering service to the community through the production of those goods also lose their employment. This is what has occurred in the United States during the past 12 months. Why, after progressing as far as it did, did recovery slip back? Simply through the business and industrial communities losing confidence in the future. Loss of confidence ensued when it was made plain that the leaders of industry and business not only disagreed with President Roosevelt and his plans, but were in active opposition to him and them. So far as social amelioration and labour rights are concerned, the United States is a long way behind immediate pre-war conditions in Great Britain and the Dominions. As the leaders of industry and business in the United States are fighting to retain their position as against labour, and are fighting to avoid the cost of social amelioration, not only are savings not being placed in investments for productive purposes, but attempts have been made to get money out of such investments made previously. Hence the slump and, at times, panic on the New York Stock Exchange.

The remedy for the lamentable want of confidence so evident in the United States to-day, and for the industrial "recession" which it has caused, is clearly the adoption of a conciliatory attitude by both parties. Workers for social reform in the United States cannot expect to make up all the leeway in a couple of years, or even in five years. It may be possible for them, however, to travel at a pace faster than the pace travelled by other English-speaking peoples a quarter of a century ago. The track has been cleared, and if the United States determines to take the track it can travel faster. Industry and business have to decide whether they will continue to fight to the last ditch and lose a good deal more, or whether they will surrender something with the certainty of saving a great deal of what they have got. It may be freely admitted that the faults in the present quarrel between the industrial and business leaders on the one hand and the Roosevelt Administration on the other have not been all on one side. Actions have been taken and accusations made which Wall Street—to us a useful generic term—was justified in resenting. But the refusal at this important juncture to co-operate, either directly or indirectly, with the President in his endeavour to reverse the present sharp downward trend of industrial activity and consequential upward trend of unemployment, would deprive Wall Street of any just claim to leadership or good citizenship. In economics as in politics, magnanimity is not seldom the truest wisdom.

TAIERCHWANG ACTION NEAR DECISIVE PHASE

Japanese Concentrating All Forces On Town

TROOPS HOLDING ON STUBBORNLY

Hankow, To-day.

With the Japanese stubbornly holding on in the north-eastern section of Taierchwang, the Chinese forces are employing all available resources in a determined attempt to oust the enemy.

Since early on Monday morning both sides have fought furiously for possession of this key city on the north bank of the Grand Canal, says a Chinese military communique.

Since possession of Taierchwang will largely determine the outcome of the present battle on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, the Japanese attacked the Chinese lines persistently, pouring in heavy artillery and machine-gun fire on the Chinese positions, but the Chinese have refused to yield ground and are fighting off gamely the repeated Japanese assaults.

Casualties on both sides are reported to be heavy.—Reuter.

SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK-KERR

Hankow, To-day.

It is stated that the British Ambassador to China will depart for Chungking on Saturday to present his credentials to President Lin Sen.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mere Heap Of Burning Ruins

Hankow, To-day.

Reports from the Taierchwang front last evening indicated that the battle for possession of the town is now approaching the decisive phase.

Japanese reinforcements are being concentrated round the town, and the violence of the fighting in what appears to be the final phase of the battle has increased.

Taierchwang long ago was reduced to a mere heap of burning ruins.

Fresh Japanese reinforcements are arriving practically without interruption. Yesterday, some 2,000 men arrived at Tangtaochang, north of Lingyi, while a force of several thousands was landed on the south coast of Shantung.

It seems that the Japanese outflanking manoeuvres object of which was to reach Taierchwang from the Lingyi sector, has apparently been successful, since reports describing yesterday's operations declare that the presence of a force of several thousand Japanese has been established at Nanningchen, 25 kilometres north of Taierchwang.

Generally speaking, it appears that the fortunes of war, which during the last fortnight have favoured the Chinese, in the hotly-contested triangle Lingchang-Nanchang-Taierchwang, has

now reverted to the Japanese.—Trans-Ocean.

FUSHIEN ATTACK

Hankow, To-day.

The Japanese are renewing their attempts to establish a foothold on the southern bank of the Yellow River.

Last evening their infantry tried to force their way across the river at the town of Fushien after intensive artillery preparation, but were repulsed.—Trans-Ocean.

TOKYO WAR CONFERENCE

Tokyo, To-day.

A conference of divisional commanders of the Japanese Army began at the War Ministry yesterday. At the conference, which will last for four days, various problems con-

C.N.A.C. PILOT DIES OF TYPHUS AT CHUNGKING

Chungking, To-day.

Mr. Harry G. Smith, an American from Wisconsin and one of the best known air pilots in China, died in hospital here yesterday afternoon of typhus fever.

Smith was a former personal pilot of General Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. T. V. Soong and Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.

For the past six months he had been flying air liners between Chungking and Hankow for the China National Aviation Corporation.

Smith is survived by a wife, daughter and two sons, residing near Los Angeles.—Reuter.

ected with the mobilisation law and military budget will be discussed.

Political quarters expect that the conference will bring important decisions regarding the conduct of military operations in North and Central China, and the consolidation and reconstruction of territory occupied by Japanese troops.

Measures for the co-ordination of military and industrial mobilisation in Japan, Manchukuo and North China will, so it is declared, likewise be discussed at the conference.

Before the conference opened, the divisional commanders were received by the Emperor.—Trans-Ocean.

Striking Revelation Of Japan's Lost Grip In Shantung

Shanghai, To-day.

Chefoo, which has been in Japanese hands for many months, was the scene of a miniature battle again yesterday, it is learned from an unimpeachable source.

Chinese guerillas had apparently trickled into the outskirts of the town during the previous night, and at dawn yesterday opened fire on the Japanese.

Succeeding in calling out a larger force, the moderate sized Japanese force, the guerillas retreated outside the town, the Japanese following straight into a neatly laid ambush.

At least two truckloads full of dead were seen to return to the city, and the sound of fighting continued until nightfall, when the Chinese escaped into the hills apparently undetected.

STRIKING EVIDENCE

Travellers returning to Chefoo from a tour of Shantung add that following the calling up of virtually all Japanese garrisons in the province for the attack on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, the Chinese Nationalist flag is now flying in three-quarters of the

larger cities throughout the north-east part of the province.—Reuter.

BLUEJACKERS

Peiping, To-day.

It is now revealed that the Japanese force engaged in fighting outside Chefoo with Chinese guerillas on Saturday and Sunday, and which suffered severe casualties, was composed of bluejackets.

The guerillas returned to Chefoo at 2 o'clock in the morning and entered the western section of the town, where they engaged the Japanese garrison. Fighting was still progressing in the afternoon.

Japanese warships hurriedly landed men in the morning while Japanese aircraft were also engaged.—Reuter.

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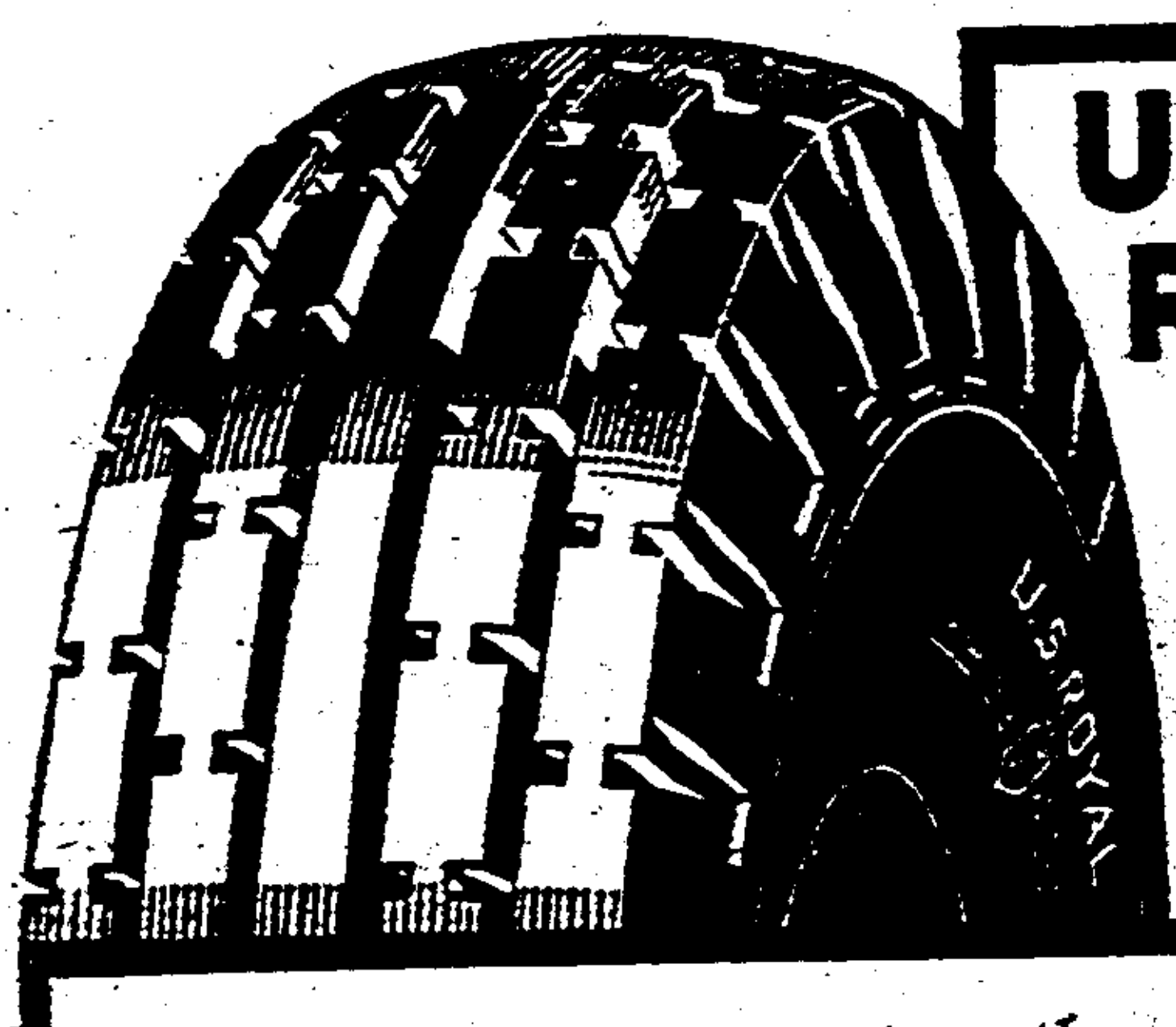
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LOYALIST RESISTANCE

Rapid Insurgent Advances In Lerida Sector

Saragossa, To-day.

General Franco's Legionaries advancing on Tortosa are encountering stronger resistance than the troops who are advancing further south. Meanwhile, the insurgent columns, south-east of Lerida continue to advance on a wide front.

It is officially stated that over 18,000 Republican prisoners have been captured in the three weeks beginning March 9.—Reuter.

The Nationalist Columns which captured Lerida continued their advance yesterday and have already reached the confluence of the Segre and Noguera Rivers. In the course of these operations they captured an artillery depot of the Republican Army and captured over 500 prisoners.

The Nationalists, the war communique goes on, have occupied Aldeya. In their advance on Tortosa they gained possession of Morella and Mount Carrascal.

On the Guadalajara front, the Republican forces continued their attacks yesterday but were repulsed with heavy losses. Three Republican planes were shot down yesterday on the Aragon front.

FLIGHT OF GOVERNMENT

A report from London states that the Catalan Government is making hasty preparations to flee from Barcelona to Valencia according to information which the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Herald" claims to have received from a reliable quarter.

The "Daily Mail," on the other hand, publishes a report from its

Barcelona correspondent, to the effect that a new government is about to be formed in Barcelona.

Senor Negrin will probably take over the Ministry of Defence replacing Senor Prieto who is to become Minister without portfolio. According to unconfirmed reports, Senor Del Vayo, at present Republican Spanish Ambassador to Paris, has been asked to take over once again the post of Republican Minister for Foreign Affairs. — Trans-Ocean.

GOVERNMENT CLAIMS MADRID SUCCESSES

Paris, To-day.

The Spanish Government offensive on the Guadalajara front, east of Madrid, designed to relieve pressure on the Catalan front, is proceeding successfully, says a Madrid despatch.

The Government troops are reported to have advanced nine kilometres and to have captured large numbers of insurgents. — Trans-Ocean.

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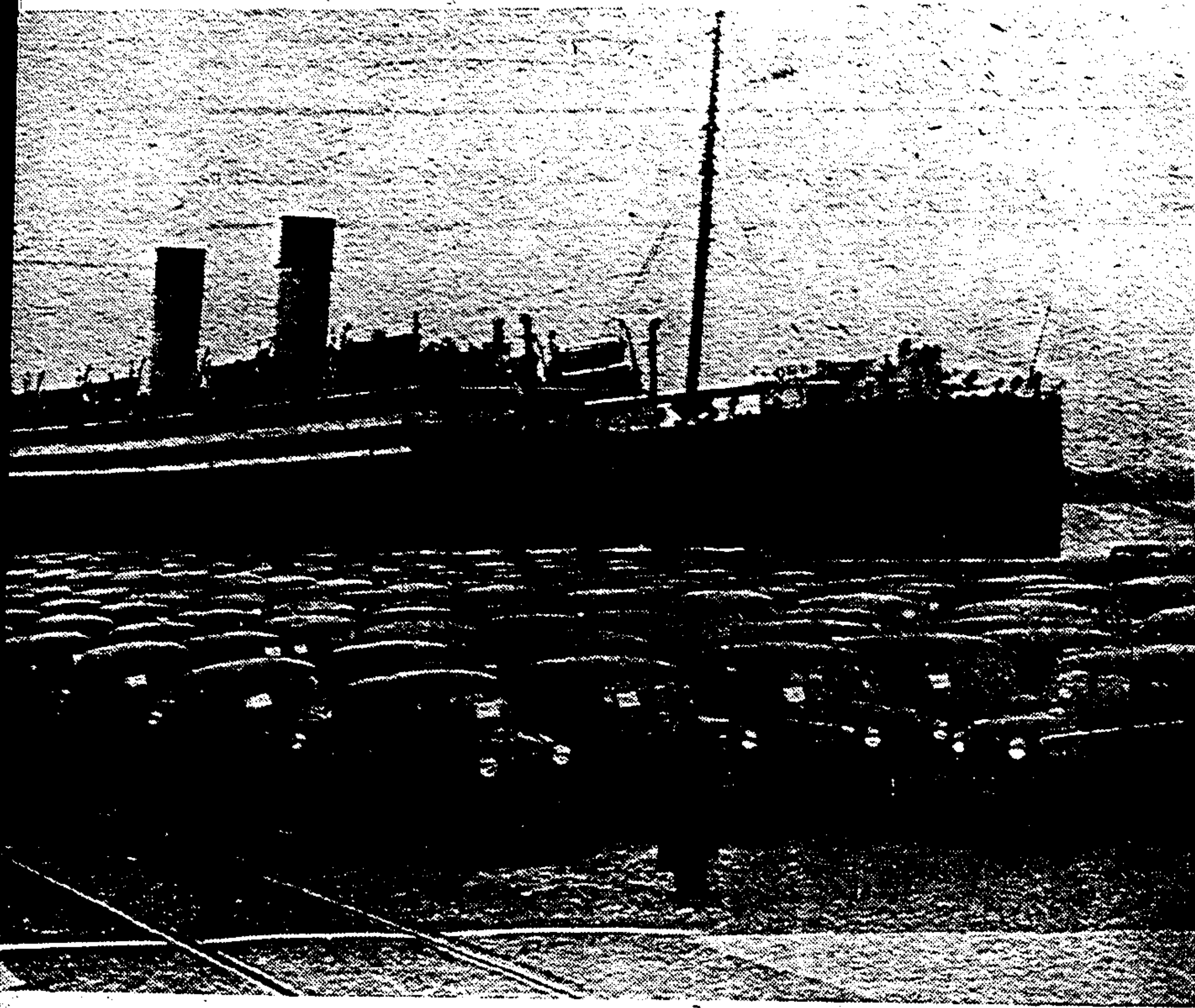
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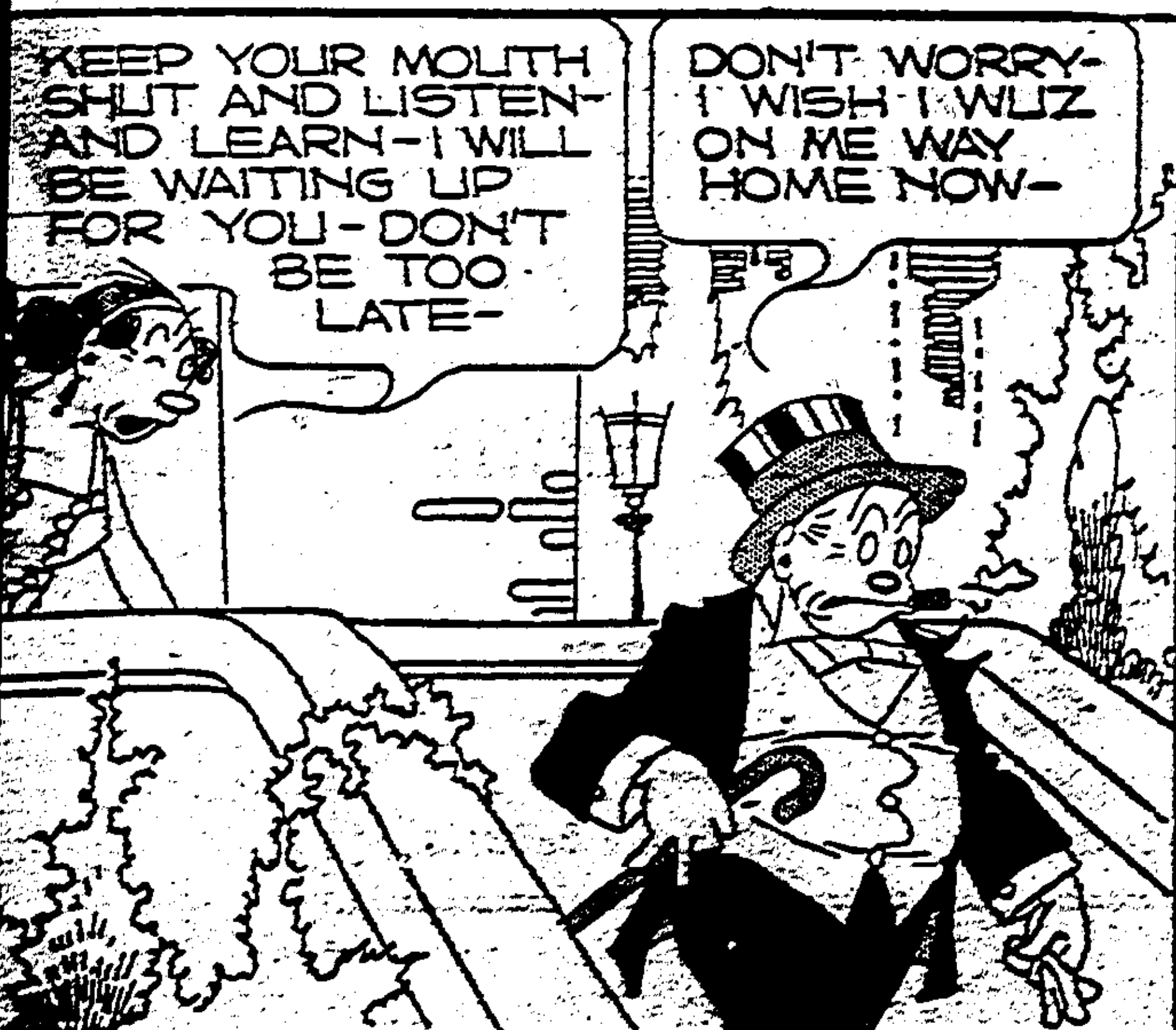
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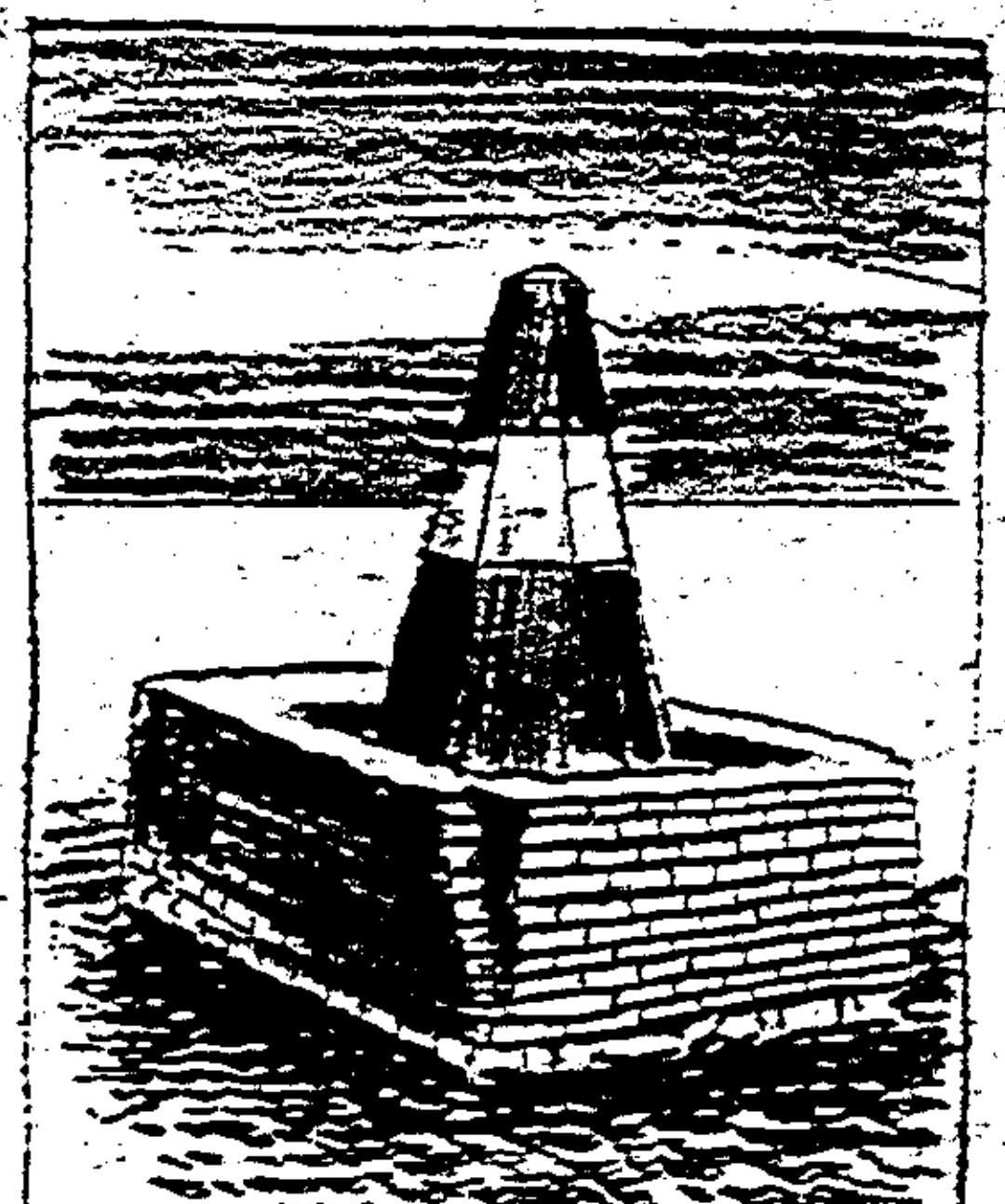
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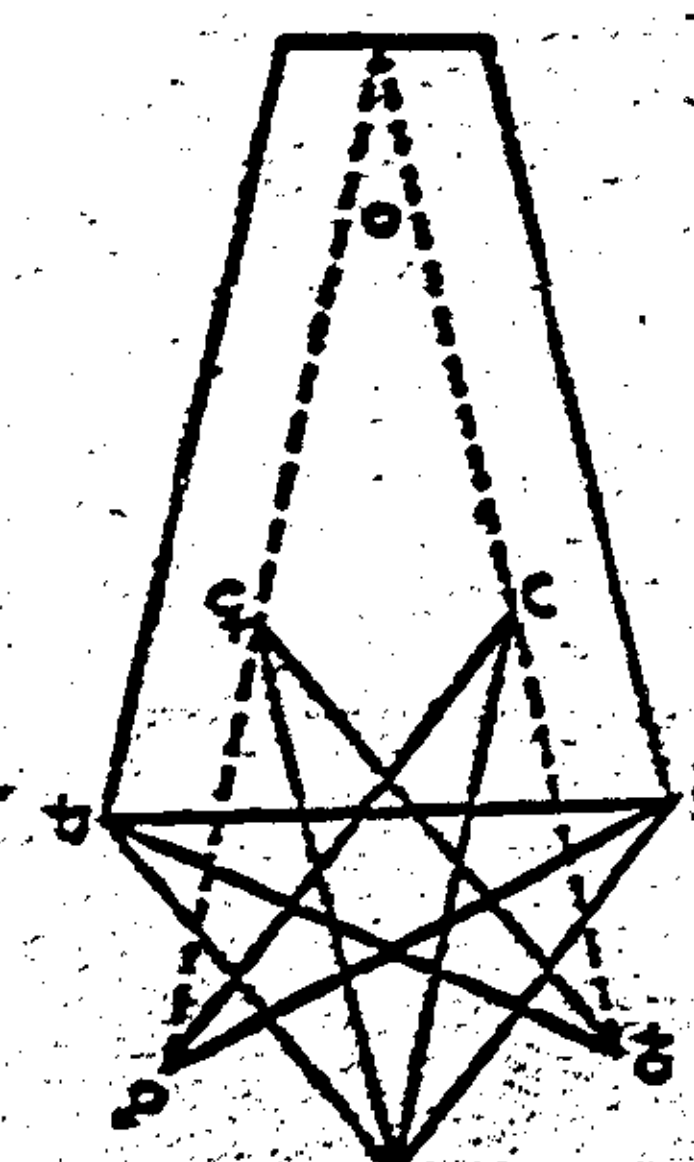
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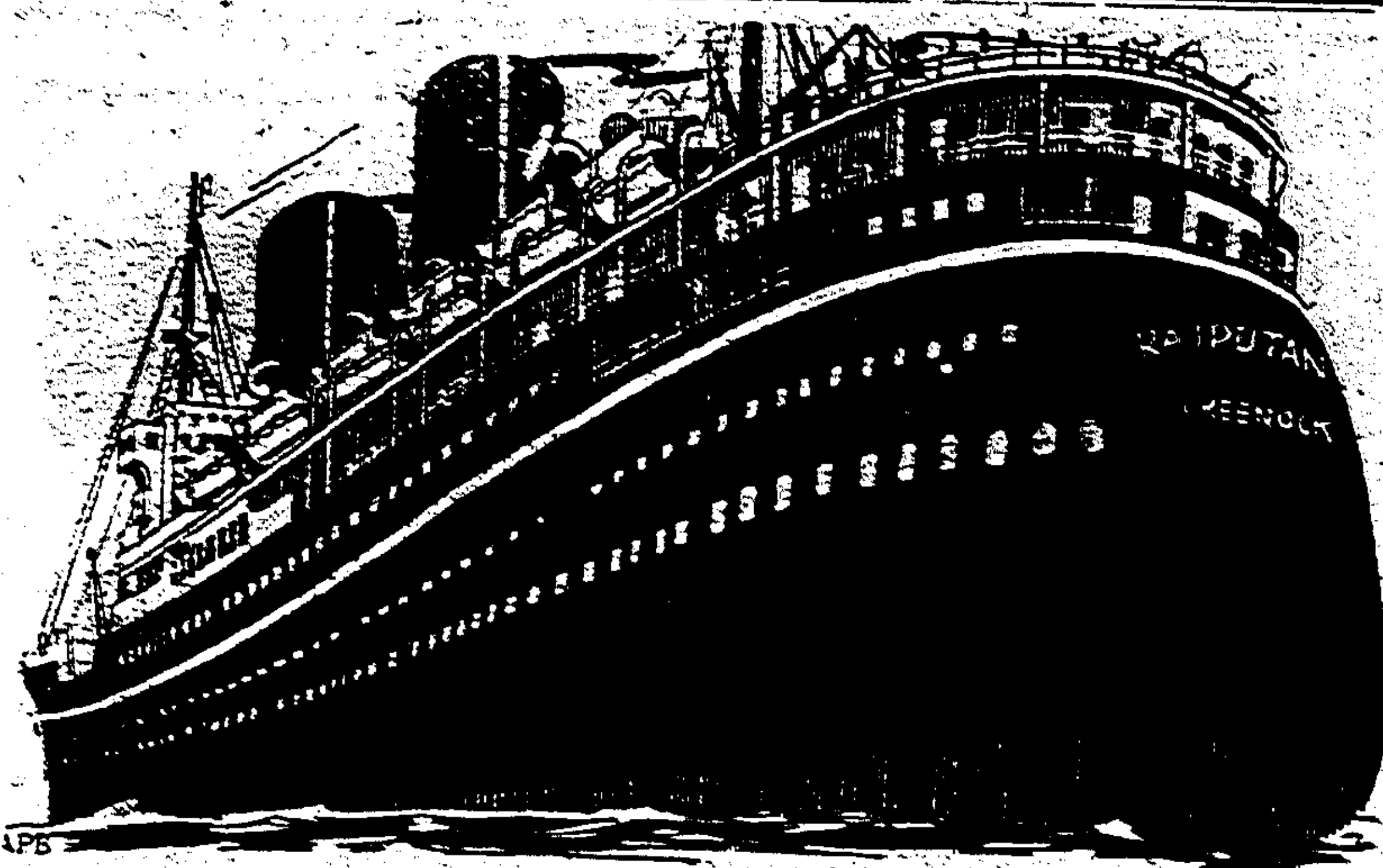


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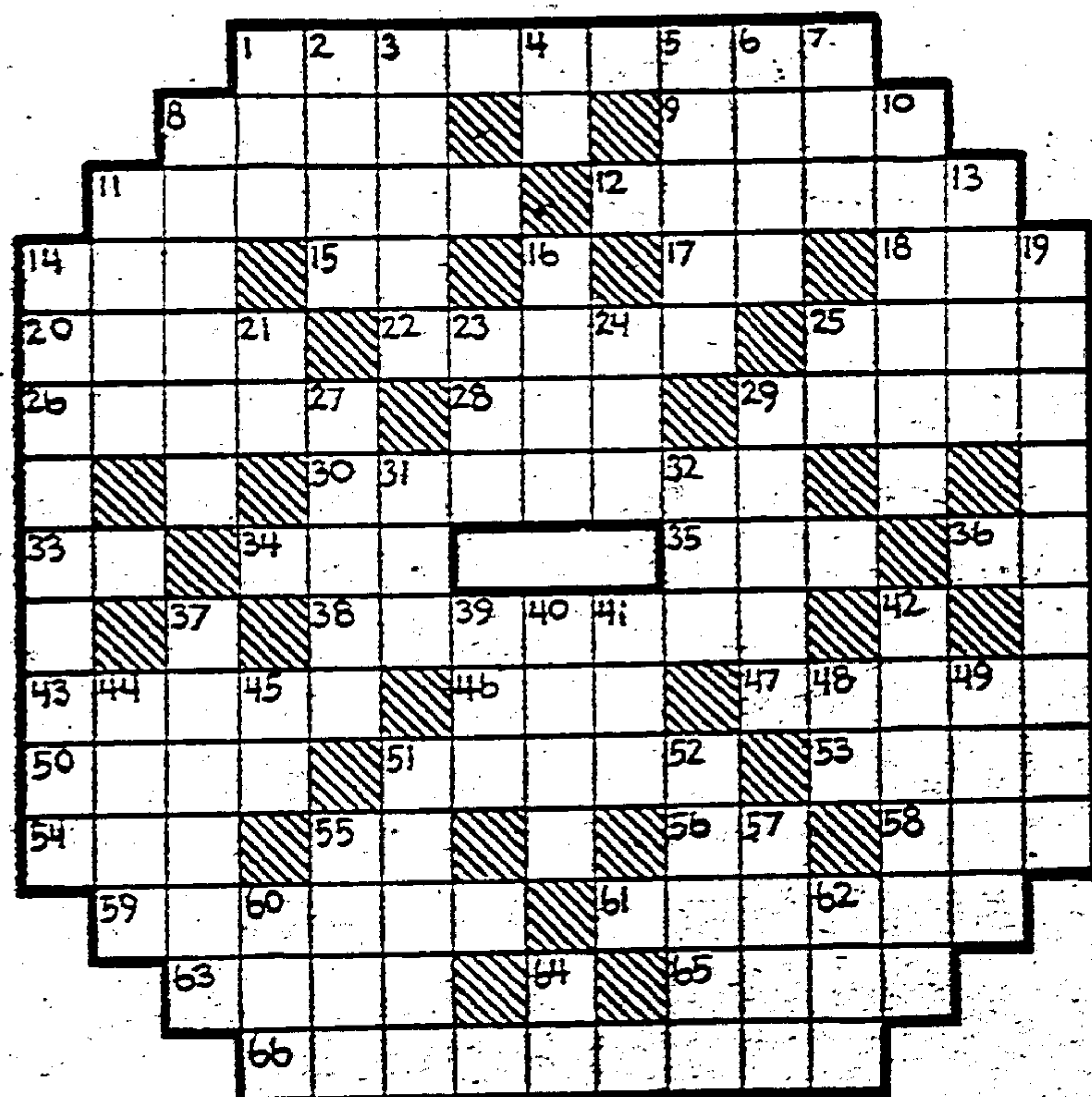
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26-Aver
28-Corn-spike
29-Classifies
30-Retire
33-Egyptian sun-god
34-A continent (abbr.)
35-Use needle and thread
36-Preposition
38-Offer for consideration
43-Close of day
46-Nothing
47-Sudden alarm
50-Heart
51-Awaits settlement
53-Lacerated

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 54-A compass point (abbr.)
55-Mother
56-Interjection
58-A length measure
59-Withdraw from union
61-Plant powder
63-Darling
65-Peruse
66-Weakened

VERTICAL

- 1-Pale
2-In
3-Numbers from twelve to twenty
4-Within
5-A weight measure
6-Smaller
7-Affirmative reply
8-Lasso
10-Leave
11-Deficiency
12-Soil
14-Boiledness
15-Extensive coal-fields of Germany

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-Settled snugly
21-A liquid measure (abbr.)
23-Allow
24-Anger
25-Act
27-To break out suddenly
29-Sheer
31-Make a mistake
32-Farm animal
37-Coincided
39-Unit
40-Long for
41-Aged
42-Breathed noisily when asleep
44-Atoms bearing an electric charge
45-Pronoun
48-Near by
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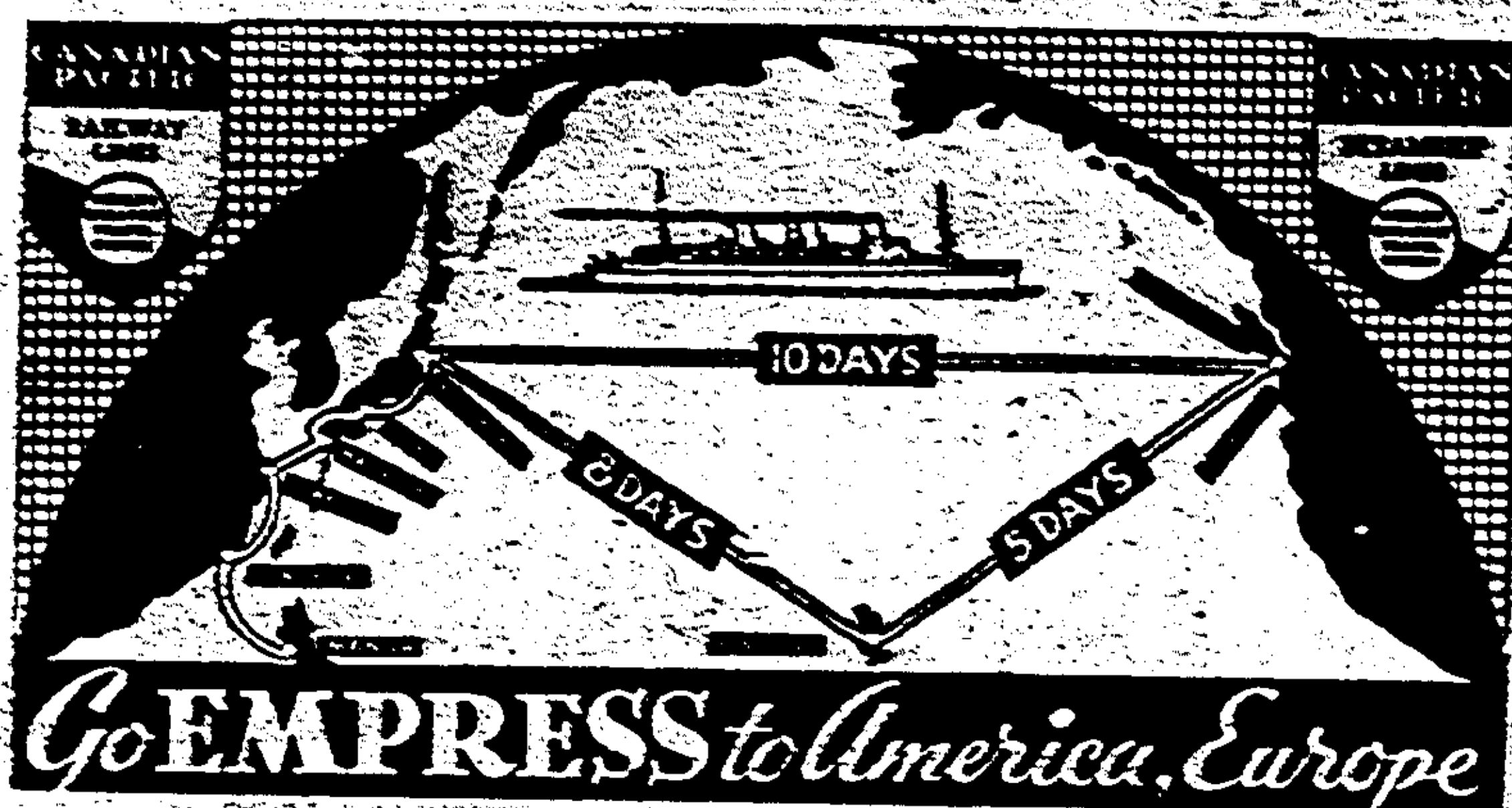
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LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS.
 Bank of East Asia \$33 b.
INSURANCES
 Union Ins. \$530 b., \$530 sa.
 China Underwriters \$2 b.
SHIPPING
 Tuglases \$66 b., ex. div.
 H. K. Steamboats \$17½ b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
 Providents (Old) \$3.50/52½ sa.
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MINING
 Raubs \$8.10 b.
 H. K. Mines 10 cts. sa.
 Antamoks Ps. 49 sa.
 Atoks Ps. 23½ sa.
 Baguio Gold Ps. 19½ sa.
 Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.30 sa.
 Coco Grove Ps. 41 sa.
 Consolidated Mines Ps. .011 sa.
 Demonstrations Ps. .33½ sa.
 I. X. L. Ps. .53 sa.
 Paracale Gumans Ps. 18 sa.
 San Mauricio Ps. 41 sa.
 Suyoc Consol. Ps. 15½ sa.
 United Paracales Ps. 41 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
 H. K. and S. Hotels \$6.80 b., \$6.85 sa.
 H. K. Lands \$35¼ b., \$35¼ sa.
 \$35¼ ½ sa.
 H. K. Lands 4% Debentures 100 b.
 H. K. Realities \$5.20 sa.
 Chinese Estates \$97 b., ex. div.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
 H. K. Tramways \$15½ b.
 Peak Trams (Old) \$7 b.
 Star Ferries \$35½ b.
 Yau-mat Ferries \$27½ sa.
 China Lights (Old) \$12 sa.
 H. K. Electrics \$58½ b.
 Telephones (New) \$10.10 b.
INDUSTRIALS
 Cements \$17.70 b., \$17.95 sa.
STORES, & C.
 Dairy Farms \$24¼ b., \$24¼ sa.
 Wing On (H.K.) \$49 b.
 Wm. Powell Ltd. 70 cts. b.
COTTON MILLS
 Ewo Cottons Sh. \$14.05* sa.
MISCELLANEOUS
 Constructions \$1½ b.
 H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan 2% pm. b.
 Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 3/10 b.
 H. K. Docks Ex. Rts. \$21.70 sa.
 * Sales to Shanghai

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-11/16.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 19½ and forward at 18½.

The London on New York rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.9656, and the New York on London rate at \$—U.S.\$4.969/16.

SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:
 May/June 17½ b. down ½.
 July/Sept. 18½ b. down ½.
 Oct./Dec. 18½ b. down ½.
 Market:—Steady.

WATERBOAT COMPANY'S GOOD YEAR

Highest sales of water since 1924 were reported by the chairman the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, at the annual ordinary meeting of the Union Waterboat Company held in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company this morning.

The chairman said:—

Total sales of Water for the year amounted to 583,827 tons, the highest figure since 1924 and an increase of 53,506 tons over 1936 sales. The nett result is a balance of \$64,084.98 to be transferred to Profit and Loss Account as against \$46,826.01 for the previous year.

There is little to comment on in the Profit and Loss Account. Depreciation as compared with last year is some \$1,800 higher and is accounted for by the writing off of \$950 expended on Furniture and Fixtures and the increase in the rate of depreciation on No. 5 Waterboat from 2½ per cent. to 4 per cent. in accordance with the schedule adopted a few years ago.

A slight increase is shown in the return on Investments and Interest and this leaves us with a balance of \$49,699.80 an increase of \$15,825.16 over the figure for 1936.

Adding the sum of \$2,131.65 brought forward in the last accounts, we have \$51,830.95 available for distribution and the Consulting Committee recommend this be utilized as follows:—Transfer to Special Repairs Fund \$14,000; Transfer to Building Fund \$10,000; Transfer to Staff Leave and Contingency Account \$2,292.78; Pay a dividend of cents 60 per share on 38,813 shares \$23,287.80; Carry forward to next account \$2,250.37.

The proposed transfer to Staff Leave and Contingency Account will bring the balance of that account up to HK\$9,000 and the appropriation of \$14,000 for special repairs will amply provide for any expenses found necessary and also enable us to make various improvements which will still further reduce the running costs of the fleet.

We recently disposed of our old No. 6 Waterboat at a favourable price and although by increasing the pumping capacity of the remaining 7 boats we can meet the demand for our services we must very shortly consider the question of building a new boat. It is considered advisable to commence making provision for this immediately.

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. W. Wright and carried unanimously.

The following attended:—The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, chairman, Mr. H. Lebert, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. K. Watanabe and Mr. A. C. I. Bowker, (directors) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. W. Wright, J. S. Howell, M. A. Johnson, U Sze-Wing and V. Ivanovich.

COAL ROYALTY BILL

London, To-day.
 The House of Commons yesterday passed the third reading of the Coal Royalties Bill.—Reuter.

H. K. MINES

Nielson & Co., Inc., Managers for the Hong Kong Mines, Ltd., report 3,901 dry tons are treated for the month of March, from which 546.7 dry short tons of lead concentrates were produced, averaging 69.61 per cent. Lead and 15.5 oz Silver per ton.

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FINCHER'S FINE DISPLAY YESTERDAY

Interesting Two Set Match In Quarter-Finals TSUI PREFERS GUILLE TO HIS NORMAL HARD-HITTING

(By "ADREM")

(Tsui Wai-pui beat E. C. Fincher 6-4, 8-6.)

PLAYING well up to the form of his heyday, Teddy Fincher gave an impressive display at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday whilst losing to Tsui Wai-pui in a quarter-final match, in straight sets.

IT WAS A GRAND GAME IN WHICH A PLAYER, MUCH MORE POORLY EQUIPPED THAN HIS ADVERSARY IN THE MATTER OF STROKES, YET OFFSET THIS HANDICAP TO A CERTAIN EXTENT BY DRAWING ON HIS LARGE STORES OF EXPERIENCE AND, REFUSING TO FEED HIS OPPONENT WITH SHOTS OFF WHICH HE NORMALLY THRIVES.

I don't know how much Tsui had in reserve. Judging from his game in general yesterday as compared with other displays quite recently, I should say he had heaps. Only on very rare occasions did he ever drive as he alone in this Colony is capable of driving.

He appeared quite content to keep the ball in play, limit his strokes to those possessed by Fincher, and endeavour to win on courtcraft alone.

There were numerous extremely interesting rallies in which the ball flashed from corner to corner with remarkable consistency. Tsui's favourite and most effective method of forcing an issue during a bout such as this, was to play a backhand slice, halfcourt, draw Fincher to the net and then pass him with one of his best drives.

The K.C.C. player, adopted his usual method of attack and never wasted an opportunity of taking the forecourt, where he brought off several winners with sharply an-



gled cross-court volleys, although it must be confessed that Tsui passed him with fair consistency.

GAME SLOWED UP

Fincher discovered early in the match that his opponent did not like a short chopped ball, which came up to slowly for him to drive with any force on the forehand; he saw to it that Tsui had plenty to deal with and the game was consequently slowed up sufficiently to enable him to hold his own.

His forehand drive was in good working order and had the virtue of length, while some of his backhand passing shots up the forehand side-line were a delight to watch. Both men served with great accuracy throughout the en-



TSUI WAI-PUY preferred to play canny against Teddy Fincher.

counter and I cannot recollect one double-fault throughout.

THE PLAY

Tsui won the first two games, although not without a struggle and it appeared likely that he would go out without being extended. Fincher steadied, however, and, with short sliced returns slowed up the game, levelled at 2-all, and again at 3-all. Tsui then went to 5-3 and eventually went out at 6-4 after innumerable deuces had been called in both the last two games.

Tsui took a long lead in the second set and quickly went to 4-2. He then appeared to slacken off, and Fincher taking full advantage of this and at the same time producing some of his best form in the match, did very well to win the next three and lead 5-4.

He was unable to clinch the issue, however, and Tsui applied pressure to draw level. Remaining games went with service until Tsui broke through at the 13th. and made no mistake with his own. The winner during the last three games, really drove as he is capable of doing and left Fincher hopelessly outpositioned on many occasions.

SINGLES FINAL TO-NIGHT

FINE BADMINTON PROGRAMME

Throughout the badminton season, there has been a great deal of conjecture as to who is the finest individual player in the Colony.

On his record of last year, there could be little doubt that Patrick Wong, the brilliant young Chinese Y.M.C.A. player, who won both the doubles and singles titles, had the greatest claim to this reputation.

However, P. K. Hui in his recent performances, has been responsible for some excellent displays and there are a great many badminton enthusiasts who feel quietly confident that he will be successful to-night when he meets Wong in the final of the current Colony singles tourney.

This match will be played in an interval between the knock-out ladies' doubles tournament which is an added attraction. The "Big" match is timed to start at 9 p.m., while the ladies' games open the programme an hour earlier.

The programme is as follows:

TO-NIGHT (TAKOO)

8 p.m.—Invitation Knock-out Ladies' Doubles Tournament:

Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro v. Miss W. Cheung and Miss E. Khoo.

Miss A. Remedios and Mrs. M. Wagstaff v. Miss N. Eardley and Miss B. Pollock.

Miss R. Summers and Mrs. S. W. Clark v. Miss M. Fraser and Miss I. Cunningham.

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9 p.m.—Men's Singles Championship Final (P. H. Wong, holder v. P. K. Hui).

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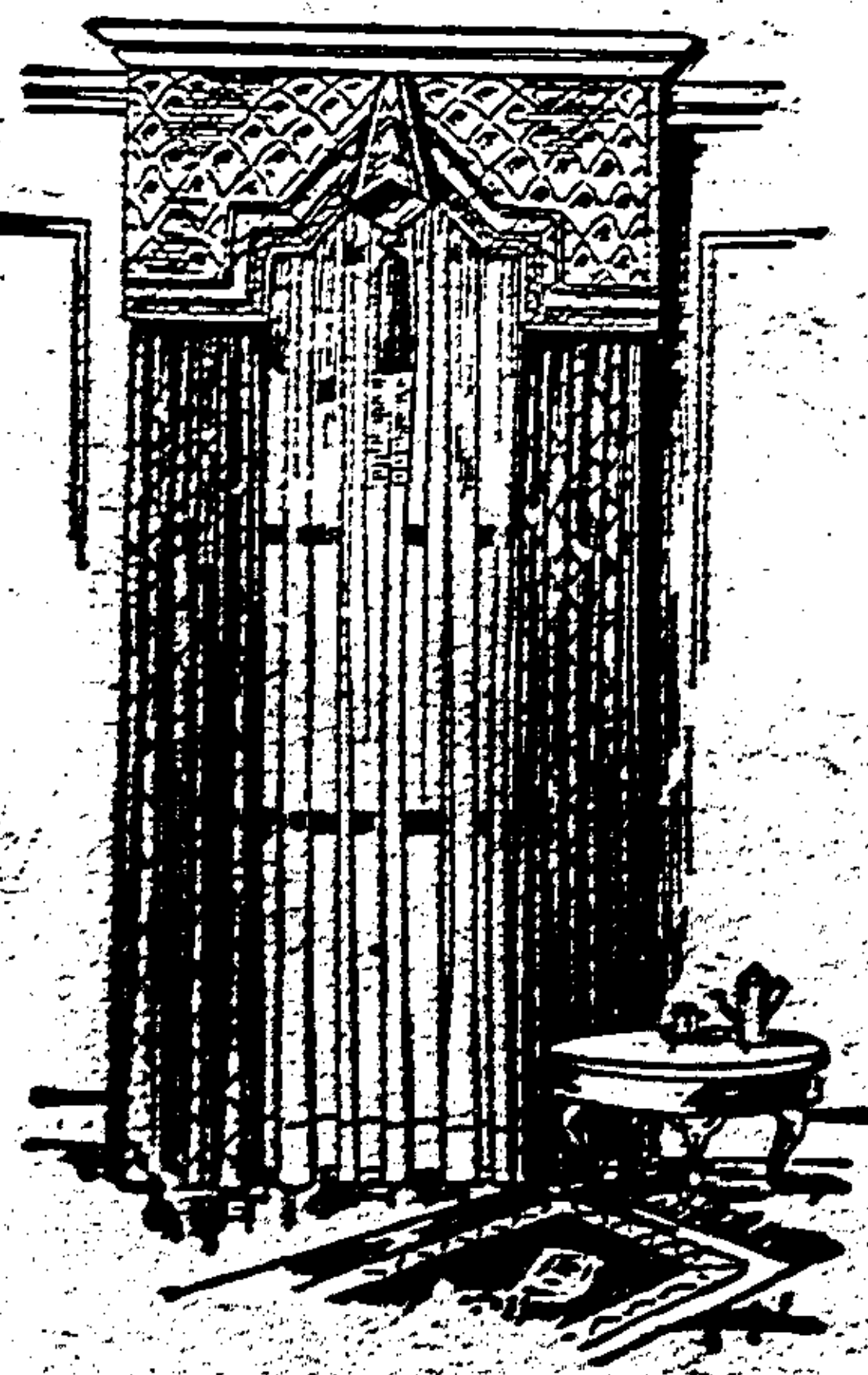
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(By "UBIQUE")

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS OF BUSINESS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY NIGHT, WAS THE DECISION THAT A MACAU FOOTBALL TEAM BE INVITED TO HONG KONG SOME TIME NEXT MONTH IN ORDER TO RECIPROCATE THE HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THE LOCAL TEAM WHEN THEY WERE THE GUEST OF MACAU LAST SPRING.

The matter was brought up at a previous meeting but owing to the visit of the Islington Corinthians and the fact that the Association were then unable to foresee how their balance-sheet would stand at the end of the season the matter was left over as the Association were not prepared to commit themselves to any expenditure however small.

By observance of the strictest economy at all Association matches and expenditure, the Association now finds that it will end the year with a credit balance—a state of affairs unknown in the Association for several years except when there is a Shanghai Interport team here. While it does not advocate the useless spending of any money it was felt that Junior Football would benefit greatly by a game with Macau.

At a meeting of the Management Committee it was decided that Macau be invited to come down and play the match on the Kowloon Football ground on Sunday, May 8.

While it will not be possible to entertain the Macau visitors on the same lavish scale as the Shanghai Interporters, I understand that the Association will do its utmost to make their short stay here as pleasurable as possible.

COMMITTEE FORMED

A committee composed of Mr. C. Guingam, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun and Mr. C. A. Goldenberg was formed to go into details and select the team to represent the Association.

It was decided that all regular players of the Second and Third Division would be eligible and that any players who have been promoted to the First Division owing to injuries to the senior side, would be considered as Junior players.

While the majority of the players would no doubt come from the military teams in the Second Division, it should be pointed out to the selectors that there are several good players in the Third Division worthy of recognition and a trial game would assist them greatly.

JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATION LIST CHANGES

The following are the latest alterations and additions to Hong Kong Jockey Club classification lists, dated March 15.

Australian Ponies: Lucky Lad to "B" Class; and Stratherrick to "C" Class.

China Ponies: Boolat Bay to "B" Class; King's Justice to "C" Class; Sunlight View to "C" Class; King's Parade to "D" Class; and National Guard to "E" Class.

FRIENDLY TABLE TENNIS

The European Y.M.C.A. are entertaining the Hong Kong Table Tennis Federation with a series of games between the men and Ladies members and some interesting sport should be witnessed.

GENE SARAZEN RETIRES FROM RYDER CUP SERIES

Augusta, To-day.

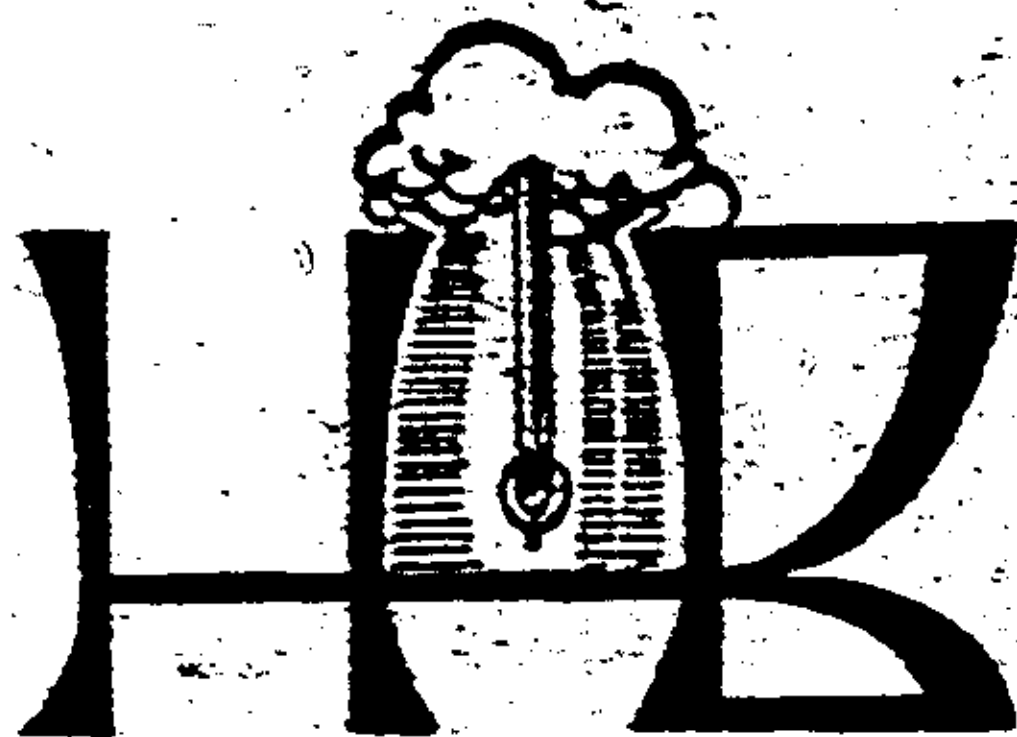
Stating he considered that he had been unfairly treated and repeatedly passed over for the captaincy of the American team, Gene Sarazen, one of the most famous golfers in the world, yesterday announced that he had retired from the Ryder Cup competition.—Reuter.

ENGLAND XI FOR SUNDAY HERALD INTERNATIONAL CUP CLASSIC

In their International Charity Cup match against China on Sunday next, England will be represented by the following:

Hartley (Middlesex); Watson (Middlesex); Strange (Club); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); Wilkinson (Middlesex); Grogan (Middlesex); Howlett (Police); Calvert (R.A.); Saw (Middlesex); Bickford (Club); Reserves: Sheehan (Middlesex); Farrow (Club); Fisher-Cooke (R.A.O.C.); Courtney (Middlesex) and Fowler (Club).

The match will be played at Caroline Hill, kick-off at 4 p.m.



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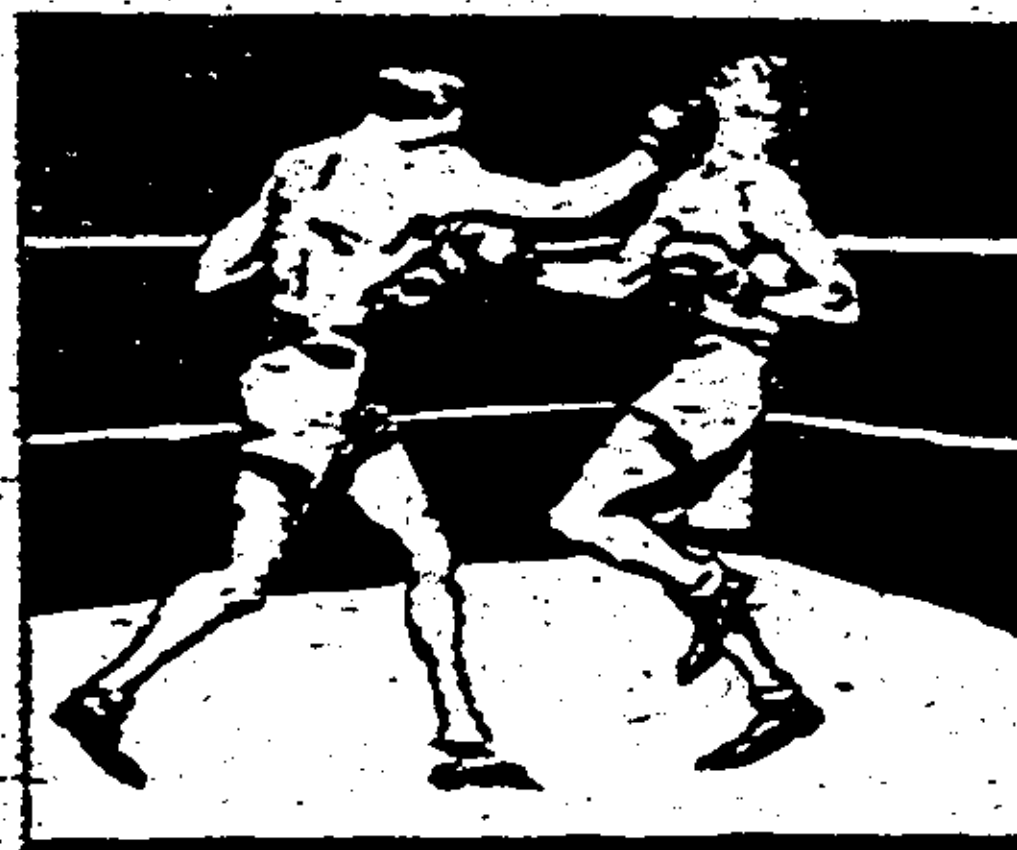
A northerly gale blew with such force at Oxford on February 13 that the University coach, Dr. P. C. Mallam, cancelled all further practice and sent the crew (which beat Cambridge last Saturday), seen above, on the towpath for a run to keep them fit. (Fox Copyright).

LEN HARVEY RESIGNS AS MATCH-MAKER

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, February 23. training schedule free of all out-side worries and responsibilities." Len Harvey yesterday resigned his position as match-maker at Wembley. He did so on the eve of starting training for his fight with Jock McAvoy and because (in his own words): "I intend to devote myself solely to boxing and thought it best that I should be able to enter on this important-

The break took place at a friendly interview with Mr. A. J. Elvin. "I accepted his resignation," said Mr. Elvin, "and told him I thought he had made a wise decision. It has been apparent for some time that the duties of a match-maker and the demands upon a boxer cannot properly devolve on one person."



Thus ends an experiment which has lasted roughly 18 months, but Harvey states: "Mr. Elvin suggested that when I am finished with fighting I might come back. I appreciated that gesture." Harvey's position is not to be filled at Wembley.

ATTRACTIVE TENNIS MATCH

S. A. Rumjahn Should Beat Lee Wai-Tong

(By "ADREM")

There is certain to be a large crowd present at the Stand Court of the Hong Kong Cricket Club this afternoon when two of the most attractive personalities in the tournament, S. A. Rumjahn and Lee Wai-tong, meet in the Singles event.

Lee Wai-tong is a very fine player and is usually most convincing when opposed by players not quite in the front rank. He has one or two weak links in his game, however, which I am sure Sirdar will not take long to seek out and for that reason, the I.R.C. player is likely to win in straight sets.

PROGRAMME

Open Singles

S. A. Rumjahn v Lee Wai-tong.

(Stand Court)

S. S. Hussain v Tsui Yun-pui.

Club Championship

G. W. Sewell or J. C. Pool v T. C. Monaghan.

Club Singles Handicap

W. Sander (-15) or E. E. Storey

(-3/6) v W. M. Barton (scr.).

Mixed Doubles Handicap

T. A. Pearce and Mrs. J. P. Whitman (-15/3) v Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Price (-3/5).

THIS WEEK'S SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following are the football fixtures for the week-end:-

SATURDAY

First Division

South China "A" v Kowloon

(Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.)

Referee: Kossick

Linesmen: Phillip and Marriott

Club v Police

(Club, 4.45 p.m.)

Referee: Ip

Linesmen: Moorecroft and Atywin

Royal Scots v Eastern

(Sookunpoo, 4.45 p.m.)

Referee: Ottoway

Linesmen: Brothwell and Edwards

Second Division

Engineers (C.) v Kowloon

(Club, 3.15 p.m.)

Referee: Gomes

Kwong Wah v Middlesex

(Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)

Referee: Drive

5th A.A. Bde. R.A. v Eastern

(Military, 3.15 p.m.)

Referee: Rees

Engineers v South China

(Military, 4.45 a.m.)

Referee: Havelaar

Police v Royal Scots

(Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)

Referee: Silva

Third Division

24th R.A. v 20th R.A.

(Kowloon, 4.45 p.m.)

Referee: Hartley

Third Division Championship (Second Round)

Royal Army v Portuguese

Medical Corps v Sporting Assoc.

(Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)

Referee: Stedman

SUNDAY

Sunday Herald Charity Cup

Competition (1938)

England v China

(H.K.F.C. ground, 4 p.m.)

Referee: Owen

Linesmen: Fin and Grant

STOKE AND BENEFITS

The Management Committee of the Football League has deferred the application made by Stoke City for additional benefit grants from £500 to £250 each to Matthews, Turner and Scrimshaw. The club have been informed by the Football League that a resolution from the club is required to attend to next meeting of the Management Committee to supply information on certain points.



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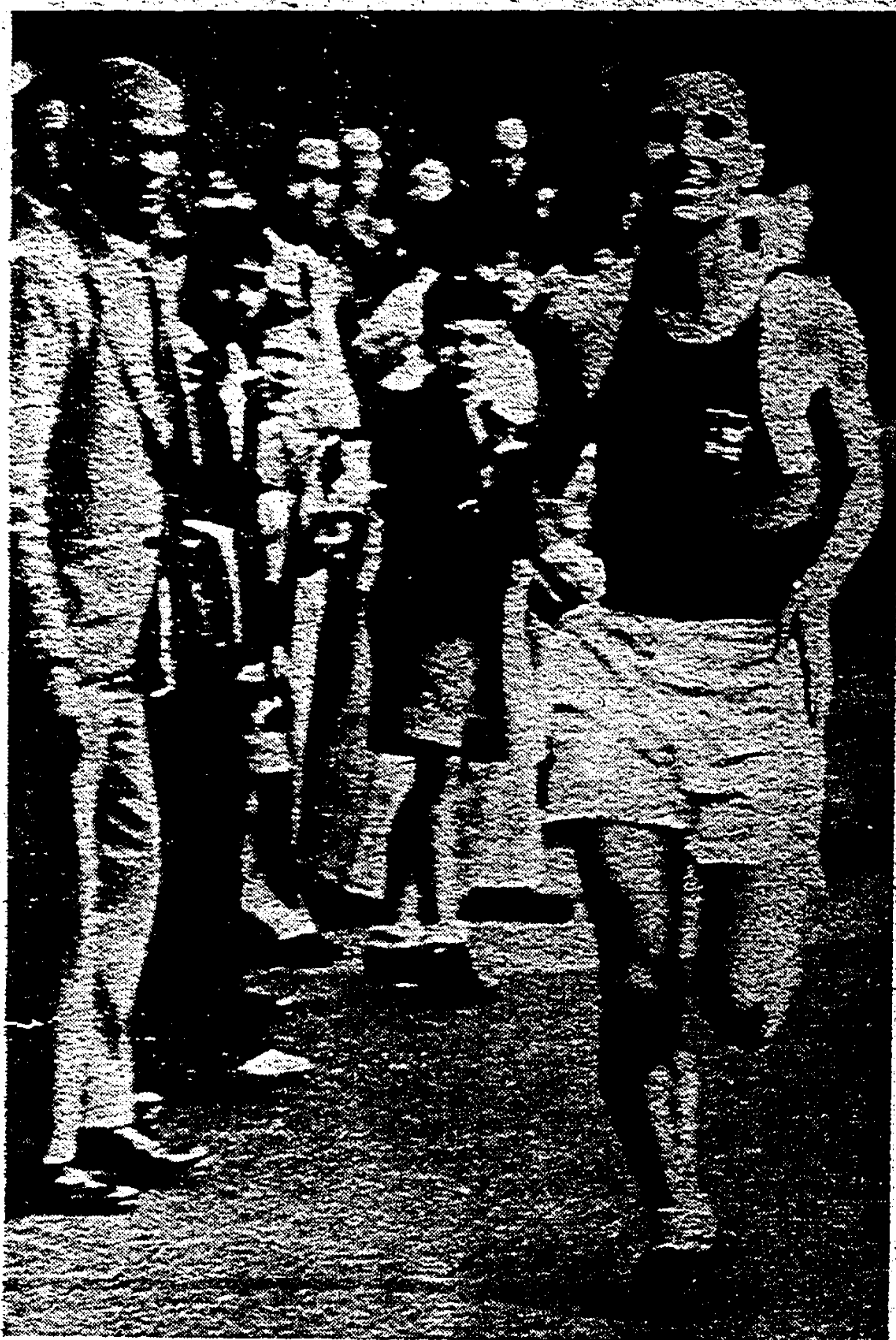
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C. P. O. Parsons, of H.M.S. Suffolk, above, is seen winning the annual Kowloon Marathon race, last Tuesday when he covered the course on 35 mins. 43 secs. ("Mail" photo).

ARMY HOCKEY FINAL DRAWN

Grogan And Stickley
Prominent

(By "UBIQUE")

An interesting hockey game was witnessed at Sookumpoo yesterday when the Headquarter Wing of the Middlesex Regiment shared two goals with the Third Battery Hong Kong-Singapore Brigade, Royal Artillery, in the final of the Army Small Units Hockey tournament.

The game was featured by quick tackling and hard hitting by both sides and though the Indians had more of the play the Middlesex forwards were the more dangerous in their movements towards goal.

Grogan played a grand game at left back, for the Middlesex and his positioning and interceptions saved his side on many occasions. His partner, Stickley, though not so prominent, also played well and gave him every support.

CHIEF MENACE

Bright led the forward line and with the assistance of Hayman was the chief menace to the Gunners' defence. The latter displayed good stickwork and kept Watson well plied with passes.

Groun in goal did not have much work to do but did it well. He saved his side when he stopped a hard drive, late in the second half and again shortly after when he left his goal after Khuda Bux had broken through.

Sarsa Khan the pivot was outstanding in the Gunners' defence and he was always up with his forwards. He found Bright and the Middlesex inside forwards, Hayman and Chattey, troublesome but fed his own forwards with neat passes.

Lieut. Godby gave the Battery the lead midway in the first half when he broke away on the right and scored with a good shot. In the second half, Bright equalised dur-

INTERPORT HOCKEY PRACTICE

GAME AGAINST
KUMAONS ON
FRIDAY

The Hong Kong Hockey Association announce that a practice match between a potential Colony side and the Kumaon Rifles, will take place next Friday afternoon, on the U.S.R.C. ground, commencing at 5 p.m., when the following are requested to be on the ground, in white shirts:

K. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.); Flt. Lt. Wallace (R.A.F.) and Pte. Stickley (Middlesex); M. H. Hassan (Radio), W. A. Reed (Club) and M. R. Malik (K. I. T. C.); S. A. Fowler (Club), Lt. Douglass (Royal Scots), G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.), Partab Singh (Kumaons) and Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.).

Sgt. Gorman (Middlesex) is also requested to make an appearance and will take Hassan's place in the second half.

LT. CDR. NICHOLSON WINS OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT

In the final of the Open Squash Tournament which was played off last Monday evening, Surgeon Lt. Commander Nicholson, R.N., of the Naval Hospital, beat Lieut. Beadnell, of the Middlesex Regt., by 9-7, 9-7, 9-2.

ing a melee in the goalmouth.

Both goals were tested in the second half and though extra time was played there was no further scoring.

3rd Medium Battery H.K.S.R.A.:— Ali Dad; Mund Din and Yusuf Khan; Abdul Bahman, Saisa Khan and Jang Ali; Allah Ditta, Lt. Godby, Khuda Bux, Rajah Khan and Malong Khan.

Headquarter Wing Middlesex:— Groun; Stickley, Grogan; Ure, German and Abell; Watson, Hymas, Bright, Chattey and Jackson.

MACAO'S HOCKEY TEAM

Macao, To-day.

The final selection of players who will travel to Hong Kong next fortnight to represent Macao in the annual Interport Hockey match against Hong Kong was made last night when the following were chosen to represent the Portuguese colony:—

C. Almada; R. Rosario and Geof. Lammert; Joao Nolasco, Alex. Airoso and Laertes Costa; Fred Nolasco, F. Ramalho, Pedro Angelo, Alb. Airoso, Amilcar Angelo.

Scheduled to meet Hong Kong and the Combined Services, on

ASTON VILLA DEFEATED BUT STILL IN LEAD

London, To-day.

Aston Villa are still leading the Second Division of the League in spite of being trounced by Burnley, yesterday, by three clear goals. In the First Division of the Scottish League, Queen's Park were held at home to a draw, sharing two goals with Aberdeen.—Reuter.

April 17 and 18, respectively, the local players are confident that Hong Kong will have to field their very best side in order to hold them.

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12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
12.45 p.m.—Reginald Dixon (Cinema Organ).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.32 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.35 p.m.—"Elsie & Doris"—The Hill Billies and Greta Keller.
Thar's Gold In Dem Thar Hills (Connor & Lisbona); Headin' Home (From 'Here Comes The Band').... The Hill Billies.
Have You Forgotten So Soon? (Nicholls, Gilbert); Did You Mean It? (Dixon, Greer).... Greta Keller.
We'll Rest At The End Of The Trail (Poulton & Rose); Carry Me Back To The Lone Prairie (Carson J. Robison).... The Hill Billies.
Gert And Daisy Make A Christmas Pudding (Elsie & Doris Waters).... Elsie and Doris Waters.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by the

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Dance Band of H.M. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment).
1. Fox-Trot—Bie Mir Bist Du Schoen (Secunda, Chappell).
2. Slow Fox-Trot—Let's Have Another Cigarette (Wrubel, Chappell).
3. Waltz—Sympathy (Friml, Chappell).
4. Fox-Trot—Flag That Train (Peterson, Feldman).
5. Slow Fox-Trot—Can I Forget You (Kern, Chappell).
6. Fox-Trot—High Hat And Piccolo And A Case (Brown, L. Wright).
7. Fox-Trot—Shine (Mack, L. Wright).
8.55 p.m.—London Relay—'Monkey Wrenches in the Trade Machine'—3. A talk by Sir Josiah Stamp, G.C.B., C.B.E.
9.10 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. Helen (Act 1; "O Gottlich Paar"—Offenbach)..... Friedel Schuster (Soprano).
The Gold Diggers Of Broadway—Selection (Burke). Intro: 'Painting the Clouds With Sunshine'; 'Go to Bed'; 'Tip Toe Through The Tulips With Me'; 'Song Of The Gold Diggers'.... Regal Cinema Orchestra, Cond. by Emanuel Starkey.
Quentin M. Maclean (Organ).
"Rio Rita"—Vocal Gems (McCarthy & Tierney). Intro: 'Kinkajou'; If

you're in love you'll waltz; Following the sun around'; 'Ranger's Song'.
"Follow Through"—Vocal Gems (De Sylva, Brown, Henderson). Intro: 'Button up your overcoat'; 'My lucky Star'; 'I want to be bad'; 'You wouldn't fool me, would you?'..... Light Opera Company.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The news.
9.50 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18. Played by Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.
10.25 p.m.—Songs by Alex. Kipnis (Bass).
Vier Ernste Gesänge, Op. 121 (Jesus Sirach, Kap. 41).
O Wunsst! Ich Doch Den Weg Zueruck, Op. 63, No. 8 (Klaus Groth).
10.34 p.m.—Light Variety Programme.
Symphony Orchestra—Nights At The Ballet, No. 4..... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.
Vocal—Musical Memories Of Franz Lehar—Potpourri.... Elisa Iliard (Soprano) Hans Fiedler (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Theatre Orchestra—Waltzes From Vienna—Waltz Selection (Johann Straus)..... London Theatre Orchestra cond. by Walford Hyden.
Orchestra—I Once Had A Heart, Margarita (Lisbona, Connor & Schmidt).... Alfredo And His Orchestra with vocal refrain.
11 p.m.—Close down.

7 a.m.—Variety.
7.10 a.m.—'Monkey Wrenches in the Trade Machine'. A talk by Sir Josiah Stamp.
7.25 a.m.—The Pianoforte Trios of Beethoven.
7.50 a.m.—The News & Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8 a.m.
8.15 a.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2

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10.45 a.m.—Big Ben—'Palace of Varieties'.
11.45 a.m.—Harry Engleman's Quintet, with Vernon Adcock (Xylophone).
12 noon.—'Rehearsal' A glimpse of the preparations for a broadcast from the Argyle Theatre, Birkenhead.
12.15 p.m.—The Chamber Music of Grieg.
12.55 p.m.—'Monkey Wrenches in the Trade Machine'. A talk by Sir Josiah Stamp.
1.10 p.m.—Scottish Dance Music.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSI 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSI (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2 p.m.—Big Ben—'Henry Irving: Man and Player'. A feature programme in commemoration of the great actor's centenary.
2.30 p.m.—The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra.
3.15 p.m.—'Take your Choice'. A weekly entertainment feature.
4 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Violoncello Recital by Norina Semino.
4.40 p.m.—'World Affairs'. A talk by H. Wickham Steed.
5 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Bridge Examination

(Mr. Culbertson's daily examination of bridge players, which has been interrupted owing to delays in the mails, is resumed to-day. Rate yourself by subtracting from 100 the points for each wrong answer).

Questions 5 and 6 in the National Self-Rating Bridge Examination were:

Question 5. Both sides vulnerable. You are South, the dealer, and hold:
S—A K J 5, H—A J 10, D—A Q 4, C—K 10 8.

What call do you make?

Answer. You should bid two no trump. Your top strength, distribution, and tenace positions are ideal for this particular "urging" bid. You cannot make nine tricks if partner's hand is a blank, but you do want to impress him with the potential value of a couple of queens that he may hold. (Two points demerit for an opening suit bid of one or two; three points demerit for an opening bid of one or three no trump).

Question 6. Both sides vulnerable. You are North. Your partner (South) dealt and bid one club. Next hand passed. You hold:
S—7 5 3 2, H—6 4 3, D—K J 8 6 5, C—7.

What call do you make?

Answer. The correct response is one diamond. True, you have a poor hand, but you are able to show your suit at the one level, and thus possibly pave the way to a one spade or one heart rebid by South, either of which suits you greatly prefer to clubs. To respond with one no trump, thus showing artificially that you have a weak hand, is to suppress information that can be cheaply conveyed, and to make it expensive for partner to rebid. (Two points demerit for any response other than one diamond).

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS

Question 7. Both sides vulnerable. You are South. North, your partner, dealt and bid two no trump. East passed. Your holding is:

S—Q 4 2, H—A J 6, D—K 7 3, C—7 5 4 3.

What call do you make?

Question 8. Both sides vulnerable.

able. You are South, the dealer.

Your hand is:
S—A Q 10 5, H—A J 4 3 2, D—2, C—10 6 4.

What call do you make, and why?

TO-DAY'S HAND

South, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

S—A K 2
H—K J 8 7 6 3
D—4 3 2
C—10

WEST

S—Q 10 7 3
H—A Q 10 9 4
D—8
C—9 6

EAST

S—9 8 6
H—5 2
D—10
C—A K Q 7 5 3 2

SOUTH

S—J 5 4
H—None
D—A K Q J 9 7 6 5
C—J 8

The bidding:

South West North East
3 diam's 3 hearts Double 4 clubs
Pass Pass 4 diam's Pass
5 diam's Pass 6 diam's

[final bid]

North's slam bid was, in effect, "trapping" his own partner. After South passed the four club bid around for North's decision North merely urged that a game be reached by raising diamonds to four odd. Then, when South bid game, North inconsistently found another bid in his own hand. On this particular occasion, however, North's luck was at high tide. Not only were the opponents' cards beautifully placed for the declarer, but the latter was adroit enough to capitalise this condition.

West opened his top club. East won, and returned the nine of spades. (No other return could have affected the final result) Dummy won, and declarer ruffed a heart, then ruffed his remaining club in dummy. He ruffed another heart and ran off every trump. Coming down to two cards, West was squeezed. In order to retain the heart ace he had to unguard the spade queen. Dummy, discarding after West, held on to only the ace and duce of spades. A low spade lead dropped West's blank queen, and declarer's jack took the trick.

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G.M.T.

6 a.m.—Big Ben—'The Gang Smasher' (Episode 1): 'John Martinson Takes a Hand'. A radio serial adapted by Jack Inglis from the novel 'The Gang Smasher' by Hugh Clevely.
6.20 a.m.—'The Dansant' Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE MAJESTIC—'The Plainsman', with Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur. An old favourite, the grandest of all de Mille's great romances. Well worth seeing again.

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AT THE KING'S—'The Women Men Marry', with George Murphy, Josephine Hutchinson, Claire Dodds and Cliff Edwards. An amazing picture exposing a new American racket in which two lovers take a great chance to fathom a mystery no one could fathom.

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AT THE STAR—'Prescription for Romance', with Wendy Barrie, Kent Taylor, Micha Auer and Dorothea Kent. A comedy, the background of which is laid in Budapest, relates the romantic adventure of an American embezzler seeking safety there and ending as the object of a fight for his affection by a woman doctor and his sweetheart.

AT THE ORIENTAL—'Night Key'.—Intensely dramatic story of the burglar alarm systems which protect thousands of banks and business houses, starring Boris Karloff in an entirely new role, with J. Warren Hull and Jean Rogers playing the romantic leads. In the supporting cast are Alan Baxter, Hobart Cavanaugh, Samuel Hinds, David Oliver, Ward Bond, and Frank Reicher.

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AT THE QUEEN'S—'Back in Circulation'.—An engrossing and smart newspaper comedy-drama, greatly appreciated during its first run—Joan Blondell, Pat O'Brien, Margaret Lindsay and John Lital.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—'Kid Galahad'.—With Edward G. Robinson, Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart, Wayne Morris and Jane Bryan. A gripping drama that has as its theme that every woman has the right to make a fool of herself over a man—once.



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FRENCH STRIKE EXTENDS

Paris, To-day.
The major strike in the French metal industry, which has been going on for over a week, received fresh impetus yesterday when several thousand workers from the Caudron aircraft works and the Rosengart motorcar works downed tools and occupied the factories. The men are demanding higher wages and a collective contract. — Trans-Ocean.

PAID APPLAUSE TABOO

Vienna, To-day.
The time when prima donnas of Vienna opera could insure themselves of a favourable reception by hiring professional clappers, has passed.

Yesterday, the Opera management sent a letter to all soloists stating that "this manner of buying applause is not in keeping with the National-Socialist conception of culture." — Trans-Ocean.

Barcelona, To-day.
Important changes were announced in the Spanish Government last night.

Most significant change is the assumption of the duties of War Minister by the Premier, Dr. Juan Negrin. — Trans-Ocean.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN HUNGARY

Budapest, To-day.
The Hungarian Minister of Justice yesterday stressed the "necessity of immediate solution of the Jewish problem in Hungary" at a public meeting.

"The present state of affairs arising from monopolisation of certain trades and professions by Jewry," he stated, "is in striking contrast with the true interests of the nation."

"The longer a solution is postponed the less likelihood there is of reaching a just and fair settlement." — Trans-Ocean.

BIRTH RATE IN GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.
Between 1934 and 1937 altogether 1,166,000 more legitimate children were born in Germany than would have been the case had the birth rate continued as it was in 1933, says an announcement.

Of these additional births, 324,000 were due to the increase in marriages since 1933, while by far the greater majority, namely 842,000, represent the increase in the frequency of legitimate births. — Trans-Ocean.

Captain Fitzgerald Lombard, R.E. who reported that someone entered his flat at No. 565, The Peak on Saturday and stole nothing, has now discovered that he has lost a camera and money to the extent of \$75.

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NEW EDITOR OF N.C.D.N.

Shanghai, To-day.
Marking his twenty-seventh year in China yesterday, Mr. R. T. Peyton-Griffin, 49-year-old Briton from Marlborough, has been appointed successor to Mr. Edwin Haward as editor of the "North China Daily News."

Mr. Peyton-Griffin has been with the "North China Daily News" since 1915 except for three years between 1922-25. — Reuter.

POLAND AND MANCHUKUO

Tokyo, To-day.
Official recognition of Manchukuo by Poland is expected immediately after the arrival of the first Polish consul at Hsinking, says a Japanese news agency despatch.

The report adds that although the Japanese Government has not yet been informed of Poland's decision, nevertheless official circles believe that the appointment of a Polish consul in Hsinking signifies recognition of Manchukuo by Warsaw. — Trans-Ocean.

YANGTSE RISING

Shanghai, To-day.
The Yangtse is rising and threatens to overflow its banks owing to the recent heavy rains in the interior. — Our Own Correspondent.

Rome, To-day.
Shortly after his arrival last night, Archbishop Innitzer of Vienna was received at the Vatican by the Secretary of State, Cardinal Pacelli.


The two Churchmen had a long conversation, though nothing has been revealed as to the outcome. — Trans-Ocean.

N. S. Wong, of No. 32, Canton Road, has reported the loss of a camera, valued at \$200, between the Ferry and the Canton Wharf.

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